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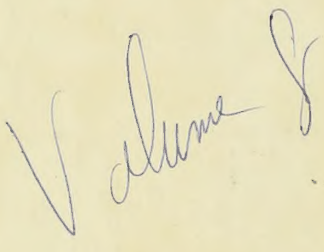

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City of Boston.

In Board of Park Commissioners,

October 22. 1894.

Whereas, the undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the Act ~~of the Act~~ of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston," being Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take the following described parcels of land for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in said Act.

Now, therefore, we, the said Board of Park Commissioners, by the authority conferred upon us by the said Act and by the City Council of said City of Boston, which has made the appropriation necessary to cover the estimated expenses of our action in the premises, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park the following described parcels of land, situated in that part of the City of Boston called West Roxbury, namely:

A parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of Centre street with the westerly line of Walter street, and running southerly on said Walter street 468.49 feet to other land of said Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; thence running northwesterly by a curved line of 15 feet radius, 30.21 feet; thence running westerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 175.82 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line turning to the north, of 924.58 feet radius 935.14 feet; thence running northwesterly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 23.38 feet; thence westerly by a curved line turning to the south, of 10 feet radius, 12.76 feet to the southerly line of Centre street; all of the above described lines between

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Walter and Centre streets bounding on other land of said Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; thence running easterly on said Centre street 1111.05 feet to the point of beginning: containing 410.844 square feet, more or less.

Also the fee and soil of that portion of Walter street which is bounded westerly by the land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; northerly by Centre street; easterly by the Arnold Arboretum; southerly by said Walter street by a line drawn perpendicular to said Walter street from the intersection of the curve of 15 feet radius with the westerly line of said Walter street at the extreme southerly point of said land described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, containing about 30,500 square feet; reserving to all persons entitled thereto whatever rights of way they now have in said portion of Walter street.

Also the fee and soil of that portion of Centre street which is bounded and described as follows: Southerly by the land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, about 427 feet; easterly by said Centre street by the prolongation of the easterly line of land hereinafter described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, about 63 feet; northerly by said land described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, 443.39 feet; westerly by said Centre street, by a line drawn between the extreme westerly points of lands taken from the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams on said Centre street, 52.90 feet, containing about 25602 square feet; reserving to all persons entitled thereto whatever rights of way they now have in said portion of Centre street.

A parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly line of Centre street, at the extreme easterly corner of said parcel of land; thence running southwesterly on said Centre street 443.39 feet to other land of said Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; thence running northerly by a curved line of 10 feet radius, 18.29 feet; thence running northwesterly by a line tangent to this and to the next

following curve, 106.12 feet; thence running northwesterly by a curved line turning to the south, of 716.78 feet radius, 142.08 feet; thence compounding and running westerly by a curved line turning to the south, of 359.26 feet radius, 283.64 feet; thence compounding and running southwesterly by a curved line turning to the south, of 716.78 feet radius, 142.08 feet; thence running southwesterly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 158.10 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line turning to the north, of 955.37 feet radius, 570.54 feet; thence running westerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 193.52 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line turning to the south, of 1432.69 feet radius, 158.83 feet to land hereinafter described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith; all of the above described lines bounding on other land of said Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; thence running northeasterly and easterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith 897.10 feet, as the wall now stands, to land hereinafter described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt; thence northeasterly on said land described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt 318.88 feet in a straight line to a stone monument, and to other land of said Sarah M. Pratt; thence running easterly on said land of Sarah M. Pratt by a curved line, the centre of said curved line being on the prolongation of the last described line, of 70.57 feet radius, 110.85 feet to a stone monument distant on a straight line 99.8 feet from the first mentioned monument; thence running northeasterly on said land of Sarah M. Pratt by a line tangent to said curve, 465.84 feet to other land of the said Heirs of Thomas B. Williams; thence running southeasterly on said other land of the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, 1016.10 feet in a straight line to the point of beginning; containing 976.088 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Sarah M. Pratt, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the line between said land and the land

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hereinafter described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith with the northwesterly line of land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas D. Williams; thence running northerly and northwesterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith 253.67 feet, as the wall now stands, to other land of said Sarah M. Pratt; thence running easterly on land of said Sarah M. Pratt, 384.67 feet in a straight line to a stone monument on the northwesterly line of land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas D. Williams; thence running southwesterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas D. Williams, 318.88 feet in a straight line to the point of beginning; containing 35.946 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning on the southeasterly line of said parcel, at its intersection with a curved line of 1432.69 feet radius, and on land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas D. Williams, and running westerly by said curved line turning to the south, 246.25 feet; thence running westerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 55.81 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line turning to the north, of 637.27 feet radius, 293.92 feet; thence running westerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 36.20 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line turning to the south, of 383.08 feet radius, 350.30 feet, all on other land of said Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, to land hereinafter described as taken from Alice Williams; thence running northwesterly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams, 49 feet, as the wall now stands, to land hereinafter described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. E. Welch Trustees; thence running northeasterly on said land described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. E. Welch, Trustees, 736.48 feet, as the wall now stands, to land hereinafter described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt;

thence running northeasterly on said land described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt, 440.14 feet, as the wall now stands, to other land of said Sarah M. Pratt; thence running northeasterly and southeasterly on said other land of Sarah M. Pratt, 540.07 feet and 427.33 feet respectively, as the wall now stands, to land hereinbefore described as taken from the said Sarah M. Pratt; thence running southeasterly and southerly on said land described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt, 253.67 feet, as the wall now stands, to land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas P. Williams: thence running westerly and southwesterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of Thomas P. Williams, 897.10 feet, as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning; containing 801,557 square feet, more or less.

Another parcel of land belonging to Sarah M. Pratt, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the line between said land and the land hereinafter described as taken from A.D. Weld and F.L. Welch, Trustees, with the northwesterly line of land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith; thence running northeasterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, 440.14 feet, as the wall now stands, to other land of the said Sarah M. Pratt; thence running westerly on said other land of Sarah M. Pratt, 407.38 feet in a straight line, to land hereinafter described as taken from A.D. Weld and F.L. Welch, Trustees; thence running southerly on said land described as taken from A.D. Weld and F.L. Welch, Trustees, 291.31 feet, as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning; containing 58078 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Alice Williams bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeasterly line of said parcel at its intersection with a curved line of 383.06 feet radius, and on land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, and running southwesterly

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by said curved line turning to the south, 88.42 feet; thence running southwesterly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 38.21 feet; thence running southwesterly by a curved line turning to the north, of 955.37 feet radius, 126.39 feet, all on other land of said Alice Williams, to land hereinafter described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark; thence running northeasterly on said land described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark, 139.20 feet, to land hereinafter described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees; thence running northeastly on said land described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees, 128.34 feet to land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith; thence running southeasterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, 49 feet to the point of beginning: containing 10.159 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to Aaron D. Weld and Francis C. Welch, Trustees under the will of Aaron D. Weld, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly corner of said parcel, at the intersection of the line between said land and the land hereinbefore described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt with the northwesterly line of land hereinbefore described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith; thence running southwesterly on said land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, 736.48 feet, as the wall now stands, to land hereinbefore described as taken from Alice Williams; thence running southwesterly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams, 128.34 feet to land hereinafter described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark; thence running northwesterly on said land described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark, 309.57 feet to a cedar post; thence running westerly on said last mentioned land 432.64 feet to land hereinafter described as taken from Alice Williams: thence running northerly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams: 1040/5 feet to other land of said A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees: thence running northerly by a curved line

turning to the east, of 955.37 feet radius, 235.09 feet; thence running northerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 163.67 feet; thence running northerly by a curved line turning to the west, of 573.69 feet radius, 106.33 feet; thence compounding and running northerly by a curved line turning to the west, of 955.37 feet radius, 207.90 feet, all on other land of said A. D. Weld and F. E. Welch, Trustees; thence running easterly on said last mentioned land, 1039.87 feet in a straight line to land hereinbefore described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt; thence running southerly on said land described as taken from Sarah M. Pratt, 291.31 feet, as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning; Containing 700.834 square feet, more or less.

Also: The right of way of the said A. D. Weld and F. E. Welch, Trustees, over the easterly portion of land hereinbefore described as taken from Alice Williams, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by land described as taken from the Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, 49 feet; northwesterly by land described as taken from the said A. D. Weld and F. E. Welch, Trustees, 60 feet; southwesterly by the remaining portion of the said land taken from Alice Williams, about 48 feet; southeasterly by other land of said Alice Williams, 60 feet.

A parcel of land belonging to Benjamin C. Clark, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southeasterly line of said parcel at its intersection with a curved line of 905.37 feet radius, and on land hereinbefore described as taken from Alice Williams; thence running southwesterly by the said curved line turning to the west, 138.82 feet; thence compounding and running southwesterly by a curved line turning to the west, of 1910.08 feet radius, 241.41 feet; thence running southwesterly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 133.59 feet; thence running southerly on a curved line turning to the east, of 30 feet radius, 68.68 feet, all on other land of said Benjamin C. Clark, to the northerly line of Weld

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street; thence running westerly on said Weld street, 350.97 feet to land hereinafter described as taken from Alice Williams; thence running northerly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams, and on other land of said Alice Williams, 129.63 feet to land hereinafter described as taken from the said Alice Williams; thence running northeasterly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams, 333.83 feet to land hereinbefore described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees; thence running easterly on said land described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees, 432.64 feet to a cedar post; thence running southeasterly on said last mentioned land, 309.57 feet to land hereinbefore described as taken from Alice Williams; thence running southwesterly on said land described as taken from Alice Williams, 139.20 feet, as the wall now stands, to the point of beginning: containing 328.795 square feet, more or less.

Another parcel of land belonging to Alice Williams, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly corner of said parcel, at the intersection of the line between said land and the land hereinbefore described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark with the line of land hereinbefore described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees; thence running southwesterly on said land described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark, 333.83 feet to other land of the said Alice Williams; thence running northerly 3.56 feet by a line tangent to the next curve; thence running northerly by a curved line turning to the west, of 1432.69 feet radius, 152.74 feet; thence running northerly by a line tangent to this and to the next following curve, 90.45 feet; thence running northerly by a curved line turning to the east, of 955.37 feet radius, 33.65 feet, all on said other land of Alice Williams, to land hereinbefore described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees; thence running easterly on said land described as taken from A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, Trustees, 104.05 feet to the point of beginning;

containing 13,654 square feet, more or less.

Another parcel of land belonging to Alice Williams, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly line of Weld Street at the westerly corner of land hereinbefore described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark; thence running northerly on said land described as taken from Benjamin C. Clark, 11,14 feet to other land of the said Alice Williams: thence running southwesterly on said other land of Alice Williams, by a curved line of 10 feet radius, 16.83 feet to the northerly line of Weld Street; thence running easterly on said Weld Street, 11.14 feet to the point of beginning: containing 27 square feet.

All of said parcels of land being shown on a plan, entitled "Plan of Land in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, taken October 22, 1894, for a park, under Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1875," signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated October 22. 1894, and on file in the office of said Commissioners, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the county of Suffolk.

Charles F. Sprague
Francis A. Walker
John F. Andrew.

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

A communication was received from the Mayor with regard to the proposed settlement with the Boston Water Power Co, for a strip of land to be used eventually for street railway purposes at the Back Bay Fens.

The Board also conferred with Messrs Braman & Storer, Trustees of the Company, with reference to the same matter, and then refered it to the City Engineer to see if the route as laid out by the plan made by the City Surveyor is practicable with respect to grades and curves and of a suitable width for the purpose also as to the cost of grading the same.

Mr. William D. Lang came before the Board and stated that he proposed offering the land belong-

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ing to the Andrew's estate, adjoining the Dorchesterway to the City for a site for the proposed Franklin Trades School, and asked whether in the event of its acceptance the restrictions which had been placed on the land by the deed of the parkway to the city could be waived.

The Commissioners stated that they saw no objection to the location of a trades school on this site and that the Board would not oppose it, and, in the event of the City's purchasing the land, would not insist on the restrictions.

Mr. William A. Gaston came before the Board with reference to the proposed settlement with the Catholic Cemetery Association for land taken for Franklin Field. He said that they would take three thousand dollars provided the city would erect a suitable wall between the park and the Cemetery. Mr. Howe stated that a wall would cost about two thousand dollars. The Commissioners thereupon referred the question of a suitable barrier between the park and Cemetery to ~~the to the~~ Landscape Architects.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Mr. Sortwell that damages for the taking of Comey's and Ripley's wharves can be settled for one hundred thousand dollars.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to the issue of permits for opening Commonwealth avenue was received and placed on file.

The application of George Wright for renewal of permit to play golf in Franklin Park was refered to the Landscape Architects for report.

A communication from the Fire department giving estimated cost of placing fire alarm boxes in Franklin and Wood Island Parks was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from the Director of the Police Signal service refering the Board to the Municipal Signal Company in the matter of police signal boxes in the parks, was received and placed on file.

A copy of the petition of Mary A. Clark and others, praying for a writ of certiorari to quash

the proceedings of the Board laying an assessment of Betterments for Jamaica Park and Arborway, was received and referred to the Law Department.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, October 29. 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.
Present Messrs Sprague and Andrew. Mr. Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.
The records of the last meeting were read and approved.
Reports and estimates from the City Engineer with reference to the proposed electric car route, favoring a twenty-five foot strip, were received.
The Secretary reported with reference to this matter, that the Corporation Counsel considers the price asked for the land reasonable if sold without restrictions and recommends that it be purchased without conditions instead of being taken, also that the Street Commissioners say that the laying out of the streets desired by the Water Power Company will require two weeks notice and therefore the proposed agreement cannot be carried out in its present form. Messrs Braman and Storer, Trustees of the Boston Water Power Co. also came before the Board with reference to the matter. They declined to sell the land without the restrictions named in their letter to the Mayor of October ten, but would waive the condition requiring the City to lay out immediately the streets running to Brookline avenue and Boylston street. They offered to sell the fee in a strip twenty-five feet wide with the restrictions named for $ 22.470. or the fee in one lot and an easement in the other for $ 17.717 as stated in the offer submitted at the last meeting of the Board.
Further consideration of the matter was postponed

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until the next meeting.

Mr. Kilby Page came before the Board to ask if the city would partly fill his land between the line of the parkway and the Willows, in which case he would complete the grading of the land and very much improving the appearance of the parkway at this point. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that it cannot accede to his request as it does not consider that it is good policy to fill private land at the expense of the city.

Working plans for laying out the part of the North End Park between Charter and Commercial streets were received from the Landscape Architects and referred to the City Engineer.

A report from the Landscape Architects on the plans for new buildings at Charlesbank, also estimates from Walker and Kimball of cost of proposed addition to Women's building, received and placed on file.

Plans for additional buildings at the Men's and Women's Gymnasiums at Charlesbank were approved and the Secretary was directed to notify Walker & Kimball to advertise for bids for the addition to the Women's building to be received and opened on November 19th.

Mr. Eliot submitted a report from the Landscape Architects on the question of permitting the playing of Golf in Franklin Park which was read and placed on file. After discussion it was

Voted, that the application of George Wright for a renewal of his permit to play golf at Franklin Park be rejected, and that said Wright be given permission to play golf at Franklin Field, excepting on the meadow and the grounds now occupied by the Boston Cricket Club, said permission to extend one year from date, and to be exercised under the direction of the park police.

An order of the City Council tendering thanks for visit to parks October 18th, was received and placed

on file.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Messrs Collins & Hamlin to discontinue filling on the Dorchesterway under the vote of the Board of June 25. 1894.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects on the question of a suitable barrier between the Catholic Cemetery land and Franklin Field which was read and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. W. A. Gaston that if the proposed fence is satisfactory the Board will allow two hundred and fifty dollars for its construction in addition to the three thousand dollars agreed upon for damages for the taking of the land.

The Engineer in Charge reported on the communications from Mrs. Wells in regard to the time for closing the Woman's Div. of the Marlesbank, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mrs. Wells that the Commissioners have concluded that the present year it would not be wise to keep it open after November first.

An estimate of the Engineer in Charge of amount expended for stone for surfacing streets, and amount required to complete work in progress was received and placed on file.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company, stating that orders have been given to limit the speed of the cars crossing the Parkway at Tremont Street to not exceeding four miles per hour, was received and placed on file.

Adjourned to November 1st at 2. P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 1, 1894.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M. Present Messrs Sprague and Andrew, Mr. Walker being absent from the city, also present Messrs Jackson

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and Howe.

Mr. Bigelow, for the City Solicitor, submitted the following memorandum of proposed settlement with Arthur F. Tufts for the taking of the Tufts Mill Pond property: "Mr. Tufts to be paid one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, money to be paid at once or interest allowed from first of November until paid, to have the rent that he has collected, to be allowed the use of the premises until the city decides to tear down the buildings, to be allowed to use such materials as are in the old buildings which he may desire for rebuilding in another place, and to be allowed the machinery if he sees fit to take it."

Mr. Bigelow also submitted an offer on the part of James J. Donnelly and William J. Emerson to settle their claim for damages for the taking of 92,300 sq. ft. of land for Franklin Field at four cents per sq. ft.

The Commissioners took the offers under consideration.

Mr. Ham of Collins & Ham came before the Board and asked that they be allowed to continue filling on Dorchesterway with the understanding that further payments be deferred until next year. This he said would permit them to work their teams during the dull season. As to the price of the filling he said it was fixed under competition and could not be done at a less rate.

Mr. Jackson was requested to report whether the plan for carrying the electric railway across the Fens from Boylston Road under Charlesgate West is in his opinion practicable.

A report was received from Mr. Howe regarding certain inquiries of the Board to Investigate the Unemployed and the matter was referred to the Secretary to reply to said Board in accordance with the suggestions of the Engineer in Charge.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Beering asked 35¢ per sq. foot for the land required for the extension of Fairview Street as an entrance to the new part

of the Arboretum.

A communication from Wm. A. Gaston regarding the proposition for a settlement with the Catholic Cemetery Association for land taken for Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

A report of the City Architect upon the progress of work on the Head House Marine Park, also statement regarding plans for heating and ventilating the same and request for authority to advertise for bids was received and it was,

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to advertise for bids for heating and ventilating the Head House at Marine Park.

A communication from Uriel H. Crocker with reference to the rate of speed at which bicycles can be ridden in the parks, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Street Commissioners regarding the laying out of streets connecting with proposed strips of land to be secured as a route for an electric railway through the Fens was received and placed on file.

A communication from A. F. Sortwell, Administrator, stating that he would accept one hundred thousand dollars with interest for Coney's and Ripley's wharves, also an opinion of the Corporation Counsel regarding the matter were received and placed on file and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sortwell that the Board cannot accede to his proposition or add any thing to its latest offer.

Sundry plans drawn by messrs Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot for widening streets adjoining Franklin Park, for extending Boylston street to Franklin Park and laying out a new street from Fremont street to Pond street at Jamaica Plain, were received from the Board of Survey with a request that it be officially notified of the approval of the plans by this Board, and it was

Voted, that the plan for widening Morton street

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street be approved in so far as it affects the park, provided that the control of the park lands to be devoted to said widening, remains in this Board. Action on the other plans was deferred.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, November 5, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew, also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

City Solicitor Bailey came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the claims of Arthur F. Tufts and others for the taking of the Tufts' Mill Pond property for Charlestown Playground, and of James J. Donnelly and William J. Emerson for the taking of land for Franklin Field, propositions for which were submitted by him at the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Bailey strongly recommended the proposed settlements which he thought, under the circumstances, were favorable to the city. He said that the money in both cases need not be paid until next January, and he thought he could get Mr. Tufts to waive interest until then. The commissioners agreed to submit the offers to the Mayor for his approval.

A hearing was given at 3 o'clock to John T. Wheelwright and a committee appointed by the residents of the water side of Beacon street, who presented a plan for the treatment of the shore of Charles River, between Harvard Bridge and the Union Boat Club House.

Mr. Wheelwright stated that he represented a large number of the riparian owners on the Beacon Street side of the Charles River who have had plans prepared to show how an esplanade may be developed with the cooperation of the owners and the Park Commissioners, under Sec. 2. Chap. 435 of the Statutes of 1893. Both

plans have features in common. They preserve the existing alleyway, which it is necessary should be done in order to provide for some means of supply to the houses. The esplanade in both plans is not to be a driveway, but a walk with some provision whereby the alleyway and stables may be hidden, while retaining the river view. The first plan by Fred Crowninshield, artist, is from Little, Brown & Moore, Boston, and provides for an architectural wall, while the other by Longfellow, Alden & Harlow, Boston, proposes to hide the alleyway by trees and shrubbery.

Our object is to get at some idea of the comparative cost of such a project and we realize that it must largely be carried forward by the riparian owners, as we are aware that the Park Commissioners have very little money available for this purpose. The plans presented are important alternatives to the plan of the Joint Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners and State Board of Health. This statute was passed at the instance of the Mayor and has received the support of the City Council and involves the building of a sewer to take the drainage from the Beacon street houses. Mr. George O. Shattuck stated that he was one of a committee of three with limited powers. The Committee consisted of Lewis S. Dabney, Charles Head and himself, and they were inclined to the purely architectural scheme. His purpose in bringing the matter before the Board was to secure co-operation between the Board and the riparian owners, in some practicable scheme for the improvement of the bank of the river. The plan which he preferred was that with a twenty five foot walk, and he found opinion in general is in favor of architectural treatment, and further stated that it is necessary to devise some scheme whereby the river shall be intrenched upon as little as possible, from a sanitary point of view as well as for other reasons. He said that the owners had not approved the plan or any

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plan. They merely desired to consult with the Park Commissioners for advice and co-operation. He said that when the City in 1885 spent five and one half millions for a system of drainage, this section was not included, consequently the entire drainage practically enters the Charles River. The large intercepting sewer did not connect with this section, as it was thought, owing to the fact that the houses were not occupied during certain months, that the amount of sewerage would be so small as not to be of sufficient importance to include it involving a change of the system. The system of intercepting sewers provides for drainage into the Charles River in case of more than 1/4 inch of rain fall a day. In 1885 there were twenty-four days when a part or the whole of the sewerage went into the Charles River. He further said that there were difficulties in the way of the proposed co-operation in view of the fact that the owners of some of the houses were poor and unable to contribute towards the expense, while many estates are held by trustees and some by minors. The act was passed with the consent of Beacon street owners, and is more practicable than if betterments were assessed which would go into the sinking fund.

Mr. Moore explained his plan as follows: The problem that confronted Mr. Browne of the firm was that of leaving the alleyway and stables intact and at the same time affording the houses a view over the river. The plan provides for an architectural wall eight feet high and secures both objects. The material is a combination of brick and stone, the wall to be of brick and the gateways and posts of stone. If it is desired to further conceal the alleyway it may be done by continuing the wall at the end of each street. The esplanade should be paved as the walks on Commonwealth Avenue. The docks are merely suggestive in case boating facilities are desired. This plan narrows the river only twenty-five feet,

the beauty of which will be intrenched upon if it is narrowed 275 feet more, as proposed by the plan of the joint Board.

The proposition that is before the community calls for this year greater encroachment of 300 feet leaving an esplanade at the edge and selling intervening land for house lots. This statute which was passed long before any such plan was contemplated was favored by the Mayor and City Council because something must be done to improve the river. The Commonwealth originally sold the land on the river. Many of the deeds ran to the harbor line. The hardship of filling in and building a row of houses would be very great as many property owners are involved. It cannot be done without the help of the City of Boston. Further intrenchment upon the breadth and sweep of the river would give it the appearance of a canal.

Mr. Wheelwright further said that under the statute filling material must be taken from the river. No flats would be exposed by this plan. The tidal basin of the Charles would be rid of all sewerage except storm overflow. Ten feet more water would be visible at high than at low tide. There is so much beauty in the varying of the tide water especially in the sunsets. The Legislature has given the City authority to do it if it is advisable. We will try and secure the Co-operation of the owners but cannot promise entire Co-operation. It is not entirely a public improvement and the abutters should bear a part of the expence.

Mr. Longfellow stated that his plan preserves intact the width of the alleway and provides for a walk. Instead of having an expensive wall, the plan is to build more or less, on the foundations of the old sea wall, a wall of rubble stone seven or eight feet high with slate cap and spreading foundations; faced on the alleyway side with brick and backed

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up with earth on the other side to carry the planting as high as is needed to hide the stables and alleyway. The wall should be kept as low as possible to prevent making a tunnel of the alleyway. The shrubbery will afford in addition to a screen means of shade, and seats can be added if desired. The trees can be treated architecturally. Such a treatment being, even in winter, attractive and the winds will tend to keep the growth of the trees down to a desired height. Prof. Sargent considers this the best way of getting an artistic effect and thinks that the growth of the shrubbery can be controlled. This plan will extend the river seventy feet although it can be narrowed to a less width if desired. For the river front some effect like the solid balustrades on the Seine might be well. The wall could be of any material, rough stone being cheaper.

Mr. Jackson submitted a plan of proposed street railway at the Back Bay Fens, dated August 1894, with an opinion in writing that the proposed location is practicable. A communication regarding the proposition to secure a strip of land for this purpose was also received from the Corporation Counsel. After discussion the Secretary was authorized to offer fifteen thousand dollars to the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company for an easement of a right of way in the parcel of land adjoining Charlesgate West and the fee in the rest of the land required for the location, subject to the restriction that it shall remain open, and upon their giving a deed satisfactory to the Law Department containing the usual agreement as to sloping the filling upon the adjoining land and suitable provisions regarding the easement in a part of the land to make it practicable to be used for the purposes mentioned.

Upon the recommendation of Lieut. Dennis it was Voted, that watchman W. A. McGinnis be transferred from North End Park to Charlestown Heights.

Executive circular No. 103 was received and it was,
Voted, that the men in the employ of this department be allowed half holidays on Election days, Nov. 6. and December 11. 1894, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

The request of H. A. Mentzfeldt for removal of tree at 518 Commonwealth avenue was refused.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to drainage at corner of Centre and Orchard streets was received and the Engineer in Charge was requested to report a plan and estimate of cost for remedying the trouble.

Messrs Fallon & Cronan came before the Board in reference to the claim of J. J. Fitzgerald against them and stated that they do not owe Mr. Fitzgerald any thing. He was to do the work under a contract for $ 725.00, they to furnish the materials and tools. They said he asked us to pay the payrolls which we did, and paid somewhere near $ 800.00. He then asked for $100, we declined to pay him anything and said that he had already been overpaid. Mr. Fitzgerald then quit the work and we were obliged to let it out for $ 180.00.

The Board appointed Thursday next at 3 o'clock for a hearing to the other side.

Voted, that the Law Department be requested to look into the question of Mr. R. M. Morse's occupancy of the premises lately owned by him on Prince street, to ascertain whether in law Mr. Morse is liable, and if so to take proper steps to collect rent for such occupancy.

Adjourned to November 8. at 2. P. M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 8. 1894.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague & Walker, also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot, and Corporation Counsel Babson.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Benjamin A. Ham came before the Board and stated that he was delivering filling to the advantage of the City, as the work could not be done in any other way at the price for which he was doing it. The work was also giving a number of men employment who would otherwise be idle. He said he hoped the Board would allow the work to continue for these reasons. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to notify Messrs Collins & Ham to continue filling, but that the Board may shut down the work at any time.

Mr. W. A. Bancroft was given a hearing on the claim of John J. Fitzgerald against James D. Fallon & Co. contractors for building a bridge at Leverett Pond. Mr. Bancroft said that his client had a legitimate claim for labor performed for Fallon & Co. whose claim that Fitzgerald was doing the work by contract was disproved by the terms of the contract which did not allow them to sublet unless with the consent of the Board. Also, that through a misapprehension of the intention of the Board to hold the amount claimed by him, he had lost his right to sue by trustee process. He said he hoped to come to an agreement with Counsel for Fallon & Co. and asked that the funds be held until he could arrange with their counsel as to some settlement of the matter. Mr. Babson said that he saw no reason why the money should not be held, to give Mr. Bancroft an opportunity to confer with the Counsel on the other side, It was thereupon,

Voted, that the final estimate under the contract with J. D. Fallon & Company for building a bridge over Leverett Pond be allowed and paid, excepting the sum of three hundred and ninety one dollars

held under the terms of the contract, pending investigation of the claim of John J. Fitzgerald, notice of which has been filed with the City Clerk.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel regarding the drainage of Centre street at the Parkway, and claim of J. J. Fitzgerald against James D. Fallon received October 22, also additional communication relating to claim against J. D. Fallon received October 29, were placed on file.

The Board conferred with Mr. Babson with reference to the claim against R. M. Morse for the occupancy of the premises lately owned by him on Prince street. Mr. Babson stated that Mr. Morse was liable if he was allowed to stay on his own request. The Secretary was directed to send a bill to Mr. Morse for such occupancy at the rate of two hundred dollars per month and to write to Col. Livermore stating that the Board desires to know if there were any statements made by Mr. Morse upon which could be founded the presumption of his occupying the premises as a tenant since the taking.

A report of the Landscape Architects in relation to the grading of the Downes' lot, which ponts upon the Parkway at the corner of Eliot Street, was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge to do the work in accordance with said report; the Secretary to notify Mr. Downes accordingly.

A proposition of E. Gore & Co. to furnish and set edge-stones on Beaver street and the Riverway, was submitted by the Engineer in Charge and refered back to him.

A communication from the City Architect asking for authority to change the plumbing specifications and drainage of the Pine Bank Refectory building, in accordance with the method suggested by Mr. Howe of building a drain to the Brookline sewer in Pond avenue, was received and it was

Voted, that the plan of drainage be approved and that the City Architect be notified to conform the

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specifications to said plan.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay James F. Leonard, father of Thomas Leonard, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department

The following was received and consideration deferred:

"City of Boston. In Common Council, October 4. 1894.

"Ordered, that the Park Commissioners be requested to "take for park purposes, the triangular lot of land "bounded by Vine, Moulton and Bunker Hill streets, "now being laid out by Street Department.

"Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

"In Board of Aldermen October 22 concurred.

"The foregoing order was presented to the Mayor October "24. 1894, and was not returned by him within ten "days thereafter.

"A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest. Asst. City Clerk."

A communication from the City Architect, stating that the contractor's price for removal of a part of the wooden pier at Marine Park and building an incline from the new pier to that part of the present pier left standing would be two hundred dollars, was received and the proposition was accepted.

A communication from Major W. R. Livermore, Engineer U. S. Light House Establishment, regarding the erection of poles for range lights to mark the upper dredged channel at South Boston, was received and it was,

Voted, that the United States Light House Establishment be hereby authorized to erect a pole for a range light and maintain lights thereon on the north east side of the pier at Marine Park, in accordance with the plan of proposed South Boston Range Lights, dated May 11. 1892, on file in the office of this Board.

An order of the Railroad Commissioners consenting to the construction of a bridge over the O. C. Div. N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. at Dorchesterway was received and placed on file.

The request of Bacon & Tarbell for extension of carriage license at Franklin Park to ten years was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Howe submitted a plan for drainage of Centre street at the Parkway and a letter was addressed to the Superintendent of Streets agreeing to pay one half the cost of the drain.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase crushed stone for Sewer Street, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase of Frank J. Hannon two hundred yards of loam for Marine Park, at sixty cents per. cu. yd.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 19. 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for building an extension to the Women's Building at Charlesbank were received and read:

John Quinn,	Cambridge.	8.004.00
J. L. Brown.	Boston,	5.840.00
John Mc. Namara,	"	7.500.00
Daniel M. O'Connell,	"	7.900.00
F. F. Morton,	"	7.985.00
Frame & Mc. Pherson,	East "	6.456.00
John J. Flynn,	"	7.976.00

The bids were taken under advisement.

Mr. Brown stated to the Board that his bid did not contain an estimate of the plumbing which would make it fourteen hundred and fifty dollars more.

A communication was received from the City Architect, stating that the following proposals for

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John Mc. Namara.	$ 11.000.00
D. M. O'Connell.	12.550.00
R. B. Plummer Jr.	12.900.00
D. J. Mc. Kim.	13.000.00
J. J. Flynn.	13.806.00
Hersee Bros.	13.000.00

and on the recommendation of the City Architect it was,

Voted, that the contract for building the Men's Athletic Building at Charlestown be awarded to John Mc. Namara and the amount of bond required be fixed at four thousand dollars.

The following perposals were also received from the City Architect for heating and ventilating the Head House, Marine Park:

Walworth Construction & Supply Co.	6.677.00
A. A. Sanborn.	6.489.00
Ingalls & Kendricken.	6.290.00
A. B. Franklin.	6.271.00
Nutter & Seabury.	5.398.00
Buerkel & Co.	6.385.00
Smith & Anthony.	5.781.00
Boston Furnace Co.	6.166.00
Walker Pratt Mfg. Co.	6.898.00
J. Coffin & Co.	6.823.00
Lynch & Woodward.	4.873.00

and on recommendation of the City Architect it was

Voted, that the contract for heating and ventilating the Head House at Marine Park be awarded to Lynch & Woodward and the amount of bond be fixed at seventeen hundred dollars.

Mr. George S. Curtis came before the Board and asked that the Board complete the work on his estate by sodding the edge along the Parkway. He said that he would furnish the sods if the Department would do the work, and the request was taken under advisement.

Mr. Bailey came before the Board and requested

that a draft be drawn for the balance of the appropriation for the Charlestown Park in part payment for the Tufts Mill Pond property, and that he be authorized to settle this case and that of Donnelly & Emerson on the terms recommended by him at the last meeting, execution to issue after January 1, 1895. Mr. Bailey said that the Mayor approved the proposed settlements and it was

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 8, 1891, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land in the Charlestown district, belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a certain parcel of land belonged to Arthur W. and Nathan F. Tufts as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Nathan F. Tufts and Annie H. Tufts, executrix of the will of Arthur W. Tufts, the sum of one hundred and one thousand six hundred and sixty-one and $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars, in addition to the sum of twenty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-eight and $\frac{4}{100}$ dollars to be paid on judgment and execution in settlement of the suit of said Nathan F. Tufts and Annie H. Tufts, executrix, for damages for said taking, as provided by another vote of this Board of this date, and upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Park, Charlestown.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to a judgment in favor of Nathan F. Tufts and Annie H. Tufts, executrix of the will of Arthur W. Tufts, for the sum of twenty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-eight and

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one hundred dollars as the balance due for damages for the taking of the Tufts Mill Pond property for the Charlestown Playground, with an agreement that said Nathan F. Tufts and Annie M. Tufts, executrix, shall be allowed the use of the premises from the time of said taking until the city decides to remove the buildings, and be allowed to take such materials and machinery in said buildings as they may desire to use for rebuilding in another place, execution to issue after January 1, 1895.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to a judgment in favor of James J. Donnelly and William J. Emerson for the sum of three thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars for damages for the taking of 92,300 square feet of land for Franklin Field, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to said City Solicitor, execution to issue after January 1, 1895.

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed December 7, 1893, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land on or near Commercial Street in Ward six of said Boston, belonging to several persons or parties, whereof a certain parcel belonged to the Heirs of Peter Sheran, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to John E. Sheran, Trustee, the sum of four thousand one hundred and thirty-two dollars, upon their proving title and giving of a deed by the said Heirs of Peter Sheran, and upon his giving an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Park, Wards six and seven.

Mr. Bailey called the attention of the Board to the

need of better accommodations for the water fowl at the Back Bay Fens and the Landscape Architects were requested to report plans at an early day for a new building for this and other purposes at the Fens.

Mr. Brigg's attention was called to the report of Lieut. Dennis that certain property in the nature of fixtures had been removed by Mr. Morse from the house lately occupied by him, and he was requested to look into the matter and take such action as the Law department may deem necessary in the matter.

A report of Lieut Dennis of matters relating to Park Police was received and laid over.

A communication from the Mayor relating to cases of John White and John B. Hurley was received and placed on file.

An estimate from the Municipal Signal Company of the cost of furnishing patrol boxes in the public parks was received and laid on the table.

A communication from the Superintendent of streets accepting the offer of the Board to share the expense of building a drain on Centre street was received and placed on file.

Executive circular No. 104, requesting estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1895-6 was received and it was

Voted, that the Chairman and Mr. Andrew be a committee to prepare said estimates.

A communication from the President of the West End Street Railway Company, in relation to the order regulating the speed of the electric cars at the parkway on Tremont street, was received and placed on file.

Prof. C. S. Sargent came before the Board to confer with regard to the proposed taking of the College property on Peters Hill as an addition to the Arnold Arboretum and the leasing back to the College of so much of the land as is not required for the driveways. As to the building of the latter, Mr.

Nov. 19. 1894. Sargent said that they would be satisfied if the City would agree to build the main section of the driveway running from Waller to South street within two years. He said he would give careful consideration to the request of the Board that the lease provide that the city may take stone from the quarry for repairing roads.

Voted, That the Board approves of the widening and laying out of Moulton, Canterbury, Forest Hills and Tigourney streets as shown on three plans by Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, numbered respectively 325, 326, and 329, and dated April 24th, May 19th, and April 30th 1894, reserving to this Board control of all park lands which are not embraced in the roadway or the walk on the side of the street opposite the park as shown on said plans.

Voted, that having considered plans by Messrs Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, for extending Boylston street through Chauncy place to Franklin Park, and for the laying out of a road from Heath street at Fremont street to Pond street at the Arboretum, the Board approves the first plan as a desirable approach to Franklin Park, and looks upon the second project as a great public benefit and for the sake of so large a gain the Board would consent to the taking of the small area of park lands required to carry it out.

Voted, that the pay of James B. Shea, clerk at Franklin Park, be increased from three dollars to three dollars and fifty cents per day.

A communication from the Street Commissioners in regard to the lot of land bounded by Vine, Moulton and Bunker Hill streets, also stating that the commissioners do not deem it expedient to take action in the matter of the discontinuance of Jackson avenue at the North End Park, was received and laid on the table, and the Landscape Architects were requested to report on the advisability of taking for park purposes the lot of land bounded by Vine, Moulton and Bunker Hill streets, Charlestown. The papers relating to the discontinu-

ance of Jackson Avenue were taken from the table and placed on file.

Mr. Howe stated that it would cost about one hundred and fifty dollars to obtain the loam required for finishing the slopes adjoining the Arborway at the Arboretum, and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase loam for grading the slopes of the Arboretum adjoining the Arborway.

A report from the Engineer in Charge regarding the removal of the Boston Yacht Club buildings to the new location was received and it was

Voted, to adopt the Engineer's recommendation and to notify the Boston Yacht Club accordingly.

A communication from Edward Robinson, Secretary of the Art Commission, relating to the site for the Whitney fountain was received and placed on file and it was,

Voted, that the City Architect be requested to confer with Mr. Cabot regarding the proposed location of the fountain, and prepare a plan for the approval of the Art Commission.

A communication from Robert M. Morse regarding the bill for rent of premises on Prince street was received and referred to the Law Department.

A communication from the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company relating to the purchase of an easement over a strip of land adjoining Charlesgate West was received, and the matter was referred to the Law Department to draw up the proper papers. The other papers in the case were taken from the table and placed on file.

A report of the Committee of the Mass. Emergency and Hygiene Association, and a communication relating to certain changes desired at Charlesbank, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply, and the Engineer in Charge was directed to consider the request for new apparatus.

A communication from Walker and Kimball regarding Donovan's Sons contract for Charlestown Heights Building was received and it was

Nov. 14. 1894. Voted, that the Architects be authorized to give notice to the contractors as suggested.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, November 26, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Eliot and City Architect Wheelwright.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Mayor relating to the case of John D. Hurley. The Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to whether the Board can discharge a veteran after he has had a full hearing before the Mayor under Chapter 519 of the acts of 1894, and it was

Voted, that John D. Hurley be discharged provided the Law Department decides that the Board has power to discharge a man after the hearing before the Mayor provided for by Chapter 519 of the Acts of 1894.

The Chairman presented an offer from W. A. Gaston of three thousand dollars in settlement of the claim of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association for land taken for Franklin Field, provided the Park Department would build a wooden fence six feet high with slats close together, provided also that payment may be deferred until after January 1. 1895, in which case interest from the present time will be added and it was

Voted, that the offer be accepted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets suggesting a change in the route of the proposed drain from catch basins on Centre street to the brick drain in the Arboretum, with plan of the same which was approved, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the method proposed by him and shown on

the plan is satisfactory to the Board.

A communication from Robert M. Morse relating to the cost of a wall and grading on the Spaulding estate was received, read and placed on file, and it was

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Ann M. Spaulding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars towards the cost of building a wall along the cut made on her estate by the construction of the parkway, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

On the request of the Boston Water Department for permits to open Commonwealth avenue and Pond street to repair water pipes, also that a special emergency permit be issued to enable the department to repair breaks where delay would be dangerous, it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue permits as requested.

A communication from Walker & Kimball regarding the bids for alterations on the Women's Building, Charlesbank, was received, read and placed on file, and it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Frame & McPherson under their bid of sixty-four hundred and fifty-six dollars, and that the sureties on the bond named in their bid be accepted.

A communication from Prof. C. S. Sargent relating to the matter of procuring plans for iron gates for the Arboretum was received, and the City Architect was requested to prepare plans for such gates.

A communication from Prof. C. S. Sargent relating to the agreement for the proposed extension of the Arboretum, and supply of stone for construction and repair of park roads was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

Plans were submitted by the City Architect for a shelter to be erected at Hospital Point, Castle Island & it was

Voted, that the Secretary of War be requested to allow this Department to remove the Hospital Building at Castle Island, said building being in a dilapid-

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ated condition, and in the way of improvements contemplated by this Department.

Mr. Eliot submitted plans for improvement of Castle Island, also plans for Administration Building at the Back Bay Fens, and they were refered to the City Architect.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing a letter from Col. Livermore relating to the Morse case was received, read and placed on file.

An offer of A. F. Cotwell to take one hundred and five thousand dollars for damages for the taking of Comey's and Ripley's wharves for the North End Park, was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

An application from C. J. Blackmeyer for a permit to erect a refreshment stand on Franklin Field was received and permission refused.

A communication from G. Wolcott Brooks calling attention to gunning at Dorchester Park was received and referred to the Secretary for reply, and the Engineer in Charge was directed to post ordinances in said park.

On the request of a Committee of Park Laborers that the men be given work so far as possible during winter, either by this department or in shovelling snow under the Street department, the Secretary was directed to reply that the department will do what it can towards keeping the men employed during the coming winter.

Voted, that a rental of five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, be fixed for the use and occupancy of the buildings on the estate of the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams, including so much of the land as is covered by the buildings, yards and paddocks, said rent to commence from the date of taking, October 22, 1894.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets stating that Commonwealth Avenue is ready for transfer, and that the maintenance and care of the Avenue will forthwith devolve on this department, which was read and placed on file.

City Solicitor Bailey came before the Board to inquire whether in the event of a settlement of the

case of Weld and Seaver vs. Boston, the restrictions proposed to be imposed upon their remaining land could be modified so as to make the reserved space twenty instead of twenty-five feet and the value of wooden houses four thousand dollars instead of five thousand dollars. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration and referred the question of the width of "set back" to the Landscape Architects for report.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 3, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe, F. L. Olmsted and Charles Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ex-Alderman Flood came before the Board with Mr. J. J. Sullivan, to ask that the Board open the dump on the Strandways for the benefit of Mr. Sullivan who had bought a hill on Fifth street opposite the one removed, containing from twenty five to forty thousand cubic yards of surplus material. The Commissioners stated that the condition of the finances of the department did not admit of the consideration of the matter at this time.

Mr. Henry Parkman came before the Board with reference to the proposed agreement under which the forty thousand dollar fund was to be held for the maintenance of Commonwealth avenue. Mr. Parkman stated that he had been unable to meet the Corporation Counsel to settle the terms of the proposed agreement. The Commissioners suggested that whatever form was agreed upon, the Department should be free to expend the money in any manner it saw fit, for the repair and care of the avenue, without being

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held responsible to the contributors as to the disposition of it.

The Chairman stated that he had authorized permits to be issued to the Brookline Gas Light Company to open the sidewalk of Commonwealth Avenue to lay supply pipes to houses, and on his suggestion, it was

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to issue permits to open sidewalks as are applied for by said Company, also permits required by the Water Department.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Nickerson vs. Boston for damages for land taken for Leverett Park, for the amount of the verdict with interest, less seven thousand five hundred dollars, upon their giving a deed for the same, containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, except that the words "seventy feet in height to the highest point of the roof from the mean grade of the adjoining sidewalk of said parkway, or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said parkway" may be substituted for the words "sixty feet in height from the mean grade of the edgestone or sidewalk in front to the ceiling of the extreme upper story", also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of such taking and the construction of said park, satisfactory to the Law department; execution to issue after January 1, 1895.

The following was received from the Corporation Counsel:

"December 3d, 1894.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners,

"Gentlemen: Your letter concerning an offer "of A. S. Sortwell in regard to settling the matter of "damages for the taking of Comey's and Ripley's "wharves is at hand. I regard $103,500 as a high

" price to pay for the two wharves, yet the fact that
" interest runs up very rapidly at six per cent upon
" a large sum induces me to advise an acceptance of
" Mr. Sortwell's proposition if the Board cannot get
" better terms. I also received your letter concerning
" the discharge of the veteran. If the veteran has had
" the hearing before the Mayor provided by section 1, of
" Chapter 519, of 1894, his discharge will not be in vio-
" lation of that act, and I know of no other statute
" which prohibits the discharge of a veteran,

" Yours truly, Thomas M. Babson, Corporation Counsel."

and it was

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed December 7, 1893, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land on or near Commercial street in ward six of said Boston, belonging to several persons or parties, whereof a certain parcel belonged to Daniel R. Sortwell, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Alvin F. Sortwell the sum of one hundred and three thousand and five hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Park, Wards six and seven.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be directed to discharge John White and John B. Hurley from the department force.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a report with reference to Prof. Sargent's letter of November 23d, suggesting conditions to be embodied in the proposed lease of the Peters Hill property to Harvard University, approving of the suggestions and recommending that the right to open a new traffic road in place of Bussey Street

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be included in the lease. It was thereupon

Voted, that Messrs Olmsted's report be adopted together with Prof. Sargent's propositions and that the several matters be refered to the Law Department to be incorporated in the proposed lease.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a report on the question of the width of the proposed "set back" for that portion of the Parkway which connects the Arboretum with Franklin Park, stating that the Landscape Architects prefered a "set back" of twenty-five feet, but would not object to a reduction to twenty feet if it would make a difference of many thousand dollars in the cost of the land.

The Secretary was directed to bring the report to the attention of the City Solicitor.

Mr. Howe reported that a fence of cedar poles and ribbon wire could be erected around the West Roxbury Parkway from Walter to Weld Street for about one thousand dollars, or with cedar posts and rails for about two thousand dollars.

Mr. Howe also stated that he had made preparations for flooding Franklin Field and that the Assistant Landscape Gardener says that it would be better for the new grass if the field were not flooded until next year. After discussion it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge carry out his intention of flooding Franklin Field for skating, and to provide for skating at Leverett Park, by drawing down the water, and at Wood Island Park.

Voted, that plans for an iron railing on retaining wall at easterly side of Chesnut street, dated November 1894, be approved and that the Engineer in Charge procure bids for erecting the same.

Mr. Howe from the office of Walker & Kimball submitted a letter from them regarding the sub contractors for plumbing also an offer of Frame & Mc. Pherson to do the following work in addition to that called for under the contract for building an addition to the Women's building at Charlesbank, the proposal, if

accepted by the Commissioners, to be attached to the contract and the total of three hundred and twenty-four dollars to be added to the consideration in the contract: Paint old building one coat. $ 50.00

Chimney.

Face brick inside of building,
Eastern brick outside "
Red Mortar,
Ash pit, door and frame,
Thimble in 2nd. story.
1½ in. iron stay to roof,
2 in. North River cap.
Fire lining 2nd. floor to top,
Zinc flashing with lead cap flashing, } $ 140.00

3 Copper conductors put up same as those on old building and connected with drain. $ 35.00

The substitution of J. F. Martin, 405 Columbus Avenue, as sub-contractor for plumbing, in place of Pierce & Coy. $ 94.00

The proposition of Frame & Mc. Pherson was accepted and the contract was signed by the Board.

Mr. Howe also submitted a proposal of W. A. Murtfeldt to do copper, flashing and asphalt work at Charlestown Heights Building for one hundred & forty dollars, and it was Voted, that the offer be accepted.

A communication from Walker & Kimball relating to their acceptance of the Charlestown Heights Building, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from A. E. Pillsbury regarding a request of Mr. Connelly for a cab stand to be used only on stormy days, opposite his house on Charlesgate West. No request having been recaind from Mr. Connelly the communication was placed on file.

A request of the Puritan Canoe Club for assignment of location on the Stranway, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge for report.

A request of Charles H. Nichols for the exclusive privilege of selling refreshments at Jamaica Pond was received

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and laid over.

A communication from the Boston Water Board, offering to abate one half of a bill for covering the main pipe at Beaver street amounting to $466.90, and requesting this department to approve and pay a labor roll to offset the other half of the bill, was received and the Chairman was authorized to approve a pay roll for $233.45 as requested.

A communication from Alderman Lee relating to the sale of buildings on land purchased by the Park Department for a Playstead at North Brighton was received and it was Voted, that the buildings be sold at auction and that Alderman Lee be notified of said sale.

A request of Robert Coulcy for a permit to sharpen skates, also to let and sell skates at Franklin Field and Franklin Park, was received and laid over.

A communication from Robert M. Morse requesting that furnace coal in the Prince street house be credited to him for the mantle removed, was received and refered to the Law Department.

Mr. Howe submitted his estimates of the cost of that portion of park maintenance which is under his charge for the coming financial year, which were considered and refered to Messrs Sprague and Andrew as a Committee to complete the estimates and transmit them to the Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston December 10, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew, Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and F. L. Olmsted.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr Jackson stated, with reference to the proposed location for Electric lines adjoining the Fens, that after further conference with the Engineer of the West End Railroad he had concluded to increase the width of the proposed

location at the turn near the Boston and Albany Railroad and between that and the Street to twenty five feet, Mr. Jackson also submitted a plan corrected in this particular. The Secretary stated that the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Co. would consent to the change provided the additional area was paid for pro rata. The matter was thereupon referred to the Law Department to prepare a deed in accordance with the new plan.

A communication was received from the City Architect submitting proposals for alteration of refectory building at Pine Bank as follows:

J. J. Flynn.	$ 12.940.
John Mc. Namara.	10. 890.

The lowest bid was accepted and it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to John Mc. Namara and that the amount of bonds required be fixed at four thousand dollars.

Mr. H. S. Garuth came before the Board and submitted plans of the land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

The Board concured in said takings as follows:

Know all Men by these presents.

That Whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commiesion, duly established under and virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners for the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, certain real estate refered to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies wholly in said Boston, in that part thereof known as West Roxbury, and is shown upon a plan marked "Plan of Taking for Parkway in West Roxbury by Metropolitan Park Commission, dated Boston, October 10. 1894, William Jackson, City Engineer,"

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being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 16, to be recorded herewith.

Now, Therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston, all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this thirtieth day of November, A.D. 1894.

Charles F. Sprague,
Francis A. Walker,
John F. Andrew,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

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Now, Therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston, all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

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thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1894.

Charles F. Sprague,
Francis A. Walker,
John F. Andrew,
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

A communication was received from O'Connor & White requesting a partial payment of four or five thousand dollars under their contract for grading at Wood Island Park also that their locomotive and cars be allowed to remain on the park lands for the present. Mr. White also came before the Board and stated that they desired a payment on account of the final estimate in order that they might pay their help. He said that their pay roll was about $3,100. It was thereupon

Voted, that the final estimate, dated December 8th 1894, under the contract with O'Connor & White for grading at Wood Island Park be approved including their claim for extra work, amounting to one hundred and seventy-five $\frac{34}{100}$ dollars, and that they be allowed and paid the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars on account of said final estimate.

Voted, that the machinery used by O'Connor & White in their late contract for grading at Wood Island Park be allowed to remain at said park until April 1st. 1895.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to fit up the Field House at Wood Island Park with electric light fixtures and otherwise furnish said house for occupancy.

Mr. Howe submitted a report concerning a location on the Strandway for the Puritan Canoe Club, also plank walks for Commonwealth avenue which was placed on file and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge lay a plank walk across the plantation of Commonwealth avenue on the side the Algonquin Club House.

The Secretary was directed to confer with the City Solicitor

Dec. 10. 1894. as to a form of licences to Yacht and Boat Clubs to occupy locations on the Strandway subject to requirements in regard to rent if any to be hereafter determined.

The application of William E. Rowe for position of Assistant Superintendent of the bath houses at Marine Park was received and placed on file.

The Board made a request on the City Treasurer to issue negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness as provided in Chapter 396 of the Acts of the year 1894, accepted by the City Council by an order approved June 8. 1894. to the amount of one million dollars.

Voted; that permission be granted to Robert Coulsey to sharpen skates, also to sell and let skates at Franklin Field and Franklin Park, for this season, under the direction of the Lieutenant of Police.

Voted, that permission be granted to Charles H. Nichols to sell refreshments at Jamaica Pond for this season, under the direction of the Lieutenant of Police, as to the particular location and manner of doing said business.

The Secretary stated that the area of land belonging to Christopher Leonard having been found by the City Conveyancer to be 271 feet instead of 332 feet as given by the assessors, a settlement of the case for six hundred dollars would be proportionate to the sum proposed to be awarded him by vote of May 4. 1894. and that Mr. Leonard was willing to accept said amount, and it was

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed December 7. 1893, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land on or near Commercial street, in ward six of said Boston, belonging to several persons or parties, whereof a certain parcel of land belonged to Christopher Leonard, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Christopher Leonard the sum of six hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that

the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Park, Wards six and seven.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, December 17, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrews. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and F. L. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A form of agreement with the Trustees of the Commonwealth avenue fund was received from Mr. Henry Parkman, which was signed by the Board and refered to the Corporation Counsel for approval.

The Chairman submitted a communication from Col. Henry Lee relating to the name to be applied to Pine Bank House and the Secretary was directed to write to Col. Lee that the name Pine Bank, as applied to that part of Jamaica Park, being descriptive and so widely known it would hardly be possible to apply any other name at this time to that locality. As to the house, it is not the intention of the Board to call it the "Pine Bank Refectory".

Estimates were received from Little, Browne & Moore for construction of an esplanade on Charles River in accordance with their plan and were placed on file.

A request of the Brookline Gas Light Co. for an emergency permit to open Commonwealth avenue over their pipes in case of leaks and accidents was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested, limited to one year from January 1. 1895.

Mr. Howe submitted an estimate of the number of men that can be employed by the department during the winter, which was read and placed on file.

The petition of W. E. Cranston and C. F. Curtis for

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for permission to erect and maintain a cloak checking building at Franklin Field during the winter was received and permission refused.

Voted, that the Puritan Canoe Club be assigned the lot on the Strandway next easterly from that of the Boston Yacht Club and being numbered two on the Plan of Sites reserved for Yacht Clubs and Boat Houses, drawn by Messrs Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot and dated February 27, 1894, subject to such terms and conditions as to the occupancy of said premises as may from time to time be imposed by this Board.

General Walker called the attention of the Board to a communication which he had received from Mr. W. J. Condon having reference to the manner of purchasing materials by the department, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to investigate and report.

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to Edwin B. Horn and J. B. Kendall to occupy and use a portion of Commonwealth Avenue not exceeding 62 feet in length and twenty-two feet in width, in front of the premises numbered 380 on said avenue for purposes required in connection with the erection of a building on said premises.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston, December 24, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew, also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, F. L. Olmsted and Mr. Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jackson submitted plans for foundation of the John Boyle O'Reilly monument to be erected at the ~~Park~~ Back Bay Fens at the location previously approved by the Board and asked that the plans be approved and he be authorized to complete the foundation in accordance

with said plans, and it was

Voted, that the plans for foundation for the John Boyle O'Reilly monument and curbing for the same, submitted this day, be approved, and that the City Engineer be directed to build said foundation in accordance with said plans.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge build the wall of the Arboretum on Walter street on the new line of the street as shown on the plan for widening Walter street made by the City Surveyor.

Voted, that the vote of this board of April 23. 1894. assigning lot numbered four on the plan of sites reserved for Yacht Clubs and boat houses, dated February 27. 1893 to the Commonwealth Yacht Club, be amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "four" and adding at the end of said vote the following words "subject to such terms and conditions as to the occupancy of said premises as may from time to time be imposed by this Board."

The Chairman stated that he had notified Mr. W. J. Condon that he would be at the park office at 2.30 P.M. on Friday to hear any statements he desired to make in regard to the matter of the purchase of materials by the Department referred to in his letter to General Walker, and that Mr. Condon failed to appear and no notice of the letter has been taken by him.

Mr. Howe submitted a map showing location of proposed reservoir on Hagborne Hills, dated January 15. 1894, also a plan of the proposed reservoir dated March 20. 1894, and asked that he be authorized to proceed with the work in accordance with said plans, and the plans were referred to the Landscape Architects for approval.

Mr. Howe submitted the following bids for furnishing and erecting an iron railing on retaining wall at Chestnut street, Leverett Park.

George T. McLauthlin.	$ 550.
P. J. Dinn,	522.
Boston Bridge Works.	418.

and it was

Voted, to award the contract to the Boston Bridge Works.

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Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed April 29. 1892. a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston by taking in fee certain parcels of land at or near the Arnold Arboretum belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a certain parcel of land belonged to Eugene A. Mutel, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Eugene A. Mutel the sum of seventeen and $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking including a release of all damages caused by the deepening of the channel of the brook running from the Arnold Arboretum to Woodman street, or for the diversion of the brook running through his land, satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

A communication from the Art Commission approving of the site and design of the bronze fountain by Anne Whitney was received, read and placed on file.

A communication was received from Henry H. Rueter returning the deed placing restrictions upon his land on Jamaicaway, with his objections to signing the same, and the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Rueter as to what his objections were in particular and how many of the proposed restrictions he would accept.

A communication from Mr. D. L. Clark accepting the proposed agreement regarding the occupancy of the Williams farm under the vote of the Board of November 26, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Alderman Bryant enclosing a petition for the extension of Minden street through Grotto

Glen to Leverett Park, was received and laid on the table.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel returning the form of agreement regarding the Commonwealth avenue fund which was signed by the Board and submitted to him at the last meeting was received, read and placed on file.

" Office of the Corporation Counsel, Decr. 18th 1894.

" Charles F. Sprague Esq.

" Ch'man Board of Park Commissioners.

" Dear Sir: I return herewith the copy of the
" agreement of the trustees of the Commonwealth Avenue fund.
" This agreement was drafted by Mr. Parkman in exact
" accordance with my ideas and suggestions, with the exception
" of those portions which refer to the liability of the trustees,
" which portions seem to concern the trustees and the subscribers
" more than the City. The agreement I think is in proper
" form and carries out my idea that the Park Commissioners
" agree to nothing, except to take the money and expend it for
" the maintenance and repair of the avenue. If there is
" anything additional which occurs to you it could be added,
" but I think it fills the bill.

" Yours truly, Thomas M. Babson
" Corporation Counsel."

The agreement is a follows:

Agreement. Commonwealth Avenue.

Agreement, made this seventeenth day of December, 1894, by and between the City of Boston, acting through its Board of Park Commissioners, party of the first part, and Henry L. Higginson of Boston, George G. Crocker of said Boston, and J. Murray Forbes of Milton, Massachusetts, Trustees, parties of the second part, Witnesseth, that whereas the said Board of Park Commissioners are now in control of Commonwealth Avenue, in said City, between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue, and have recently put the same in thorough repair as a Macadamized Roadway, and whereas the said Trustees have raised a fund, from the abuttors on said Avenue, of $40.000, and now hold the same as Trustees for the purpose of assisting in the payment of the expenses of maintaining the same and keeping it in

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repair as a Macadamized Roadway. Now, therefore, the said Trustees agree to pay annually during the term of eight years, or so long during said term as said Avenue shall be maintained as a Macadamized Roadway, to the Board of Park Commissioners of said City, or to such Department of said City as shall have charge of said Avenue, such sum not exceeding an average sum of $5.000 per annum during said term of eight years as may be called for in writing by the Park Commissioners or Department having charge of said Avenue, to be used by said Park Commissioners, or Department, for the maintenance and repair of the Roadway of said Avenue, between said Streets, as a Macadamized Roadway. In case less than $5.000 is called for in any year, then the balance may be called for in any succeeding year. Such sum is to be paid within thirty days after the same is called for, and is to be in addition to any sum which may be annually appropriated by said Park Commissioners, or the Department having charge of said Avenue for the purpose of such maintenance and repair, it being understood that the City of Boston, through the Department having charge of said Avenue, will spend a fair proportion of the annual appropriation of the Department having charge of said Avenue for such maintenance and repair. It is agreed, moreover, that no assessments shall be made by said Board of Park Commissioners on the abuttors on said Avenue on account of the Roadway thereof having been placed in order as a Macadamized Roadway, and that modifications of this agreement may hereafter be made by the parties hereto for the purpose of carrying out the intention hereof.

The said sum of $40.000 shall be invested by the Trustees or their successors in such securities as Saving Banks in this Commonwealth are, or may be, authorized to invest in. Any interest received on such fund may be used by the Trustees in payment of any expenses of this Trust, or may be paid to the subscribers to such fund, or may be used by the Trustees for such purpose as they deem best, but shall

not be subject to any claim by the said City of Boston; and said sum being so invested, it is understood and agreed that the Trustees shall be under no personal responsibility on account of this agreement, but that said fund shall alone be responsible for any claim hereunder, and that the Trustees shall not be responsible for any loss or depreciation in said fund which shall not happen through their wilful neglect or default, and each Trustee shall only be responsible for gross negligence or default, and the Trustees shall not be responsible for the acts of each other to which they do not severally assent.

Any Trustee hereunder may resign in writing, which shall be endorsed on one copy hereof. Any vacancy caused by death or resignation shall be filled by the remaining Trustees by the choice of some one owning at such time an estate on said Avenue, and such appointment and the acceptance thereof shall be endorsed on one copy hereof.

The word "Trustees" wherever herein used shall mean the Trustees for the time being.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto, and to two other duplicate originals, set their hands the day and year first above written.

Charles F. Sprague. }
Francis A. Walker. } The Board of Park
John F. Andrew. } Commissioners of the
City of Boston

H. L. Higginson. }
George G. Crocker. } Trustees
J. Murray Forbes. }

A communication from the City Architect regarding the filling in under the bath houses of the Head House at Marine Park was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to notify the contractors to fill in as required.

A communication from the Secretary of War granting permission to remove the Hospital building located on Castle Island was received and at Mr. Howe's suggestion the matter of the removal of the building

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was refered to the City Architect.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to take land in ward sixteen for a playground was received and laid on the table.

A hearing was given to a committee of the residents of the water side of Beacon street and others. There were present Messrs L. S. Dabney, Charles Head, Dudley Pickman and W. W. Vaughan. Col. J. F. Wheelwright represented the Committee and there were also present Messrs Longfellow and Moore of the firms who had submitted plans.

Mr. Wheelwright stated that they had come before the Board to consider the sketches and detailed estimates for an embankment along the Charles River Basin not exceeding one hundred feet wide for ornamental purposes, and that while they cannot speak for all the residents on that side of Beacon street it can be said that the abutters desire the basin beautified under the terms of the statute of 1893. They do not desire a driveway and do not desire the basin to be filled in any more than necessary for this purpose. They understand that the Board has no money that can be used for the work of construction, therefore, in order to build the embankment it will be necessary to apply to the Legislature for a further loan for construction. Any money coming in from betterments could also be applied to construction as contemplated in the Act of 1893 which is very broad. It would be possible to use this betterment so that the city indebtedness would not be largely increased. Mr. Wheelwright said he could not state what would be a proper share to be paid by abutters or the City, but said he thought the general opinion is that they desire to have an opportunity to cooperate with the City so that there should not be any fear in the future of another row of houses between them and the basin. Whatever may be done it does not seem desirable to further build on the basin. No buildings could be built on land filled in so as to make a profitable land speculation without the

co-operation of the city or abutters. It was their desire that the Board select either of the plans presented or a similar plan for beautifying the basin. To sum up he said, the inhabitants desire to co operate in building an esplanade along the banks of the Charles River from the Union Boat House to the Back Bay Fens; they desire that as little as possible of the basin shall be filled in; that a promenade and not a driveway be made, and that it shall not be used for rapid transit.

Mr. Dabney said they objected to a driveway which would not be readily accessible from the narrow streets leading out of Beacon street, and Mr. Vaughan stated that a driveway would be dangerous, one source of danger being the tendency to racing which it would incite. Mr. Wheelwright further said they objected to a driveway as a practical matter. The City has no money to spend unnecessarily. It is not desirable for the City or Commonwealth to show a breach of faith by filling in the basin for a row of houses. It is only in this way the committee has suggested that the Charles River basin can be beautified. It should be done by a reasonable and economical method.

Mr. Dabney said in relation to a driveway that for every foot of basin taken from tide water great injury to the harbor of Boston would result, therfore, as little as possible should be taken.

In answer to a question of the Chairman whether the Commissioners are to understand that the abutters will help, provided the filling is seventy feet, and that they will not if we try to take one hundred feet and construct a driveway, Mr. Dabney replied that he should not oppose the statute if the Board decides to have a driveway, but that he would do all he could do otherwise to further it, provided there was no driveway.

Mr. Andrew asked Mr. Dabney what he would advise. What new laws. Mr. Dabney replied that he had not sufficiently examined to see what the powers of the Board are, but that he had supposed it could do most anything

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it liked. On a suggestion that necessary funds were the great difficulty in the matter, Mr. Dabney replied that the Board would not have to take much of anything but flats.

Mr. Wheelwright said that the Committee objects to a subscription because it is impossible to get every one to subscribe. He would suggest that the Board apply for a further loan and that a proper and just proportion of betterments be assessed. Other park betterments have been almost remitted. It would not in this case be good faith to agitate the remittance of betterments.

Mr. Dabney said that the Mayor favors the subscription plan but it is not practicable to carry out this idea, for it is not right to make those that can pay bear the share of those that cannot.

Mr. Pickman said, there is great objection to a roadway on account of dust which would blow into the backs of the houses. The alleyway is now very dusty. A parkway as proposed would be a benefit and obviate this. The basin of a river is of great value to a city. Very few cities have broad basins. It would be a great pity to narrow the basin and give it the appearance of a river thus making Boston in this respect like other cities. The basin is a unique feature.

Mr. Moore submitted estimates which he read. In making up these estimates he said we have called in reliable builders, but only one from each branch. This total figure is only an approximate figure. The builders figures are thoroughly reliable and they are ready to carry them out. By approximate I mean, that we might desire to call in two or three other builders and the figures would be mixed. The total estimate is $124.470. To this figure there must be added the cost of a sea wall twenty-five feet from the present sea wall, also of filling 25 feet. We will leave to the Board to determine the cost of this part of the work. Something might be saved in filling by including a part of the alleyway, but if so there would need to be some foundation for the wall.

Mr. Longfellow submitted estimates which he read amounting to $114.542 based on a width of embankment of fifty five feet and not including the cost of a sea wall and filling.

Mr. Walker asked how far the interest is due to the need of improvement or to artistic effect, and how far it is due to fear or apprehension that something mischievous may be done; that is, does the action of the abutters arise from artistic interest or appreciation of the importance of the work?

Mr. Wheelwright replied that their interest was purely practical. They feel that the improvement of the basin will come and they realize the importance of the basin for the prospect. Looking into the future they see that the people who cannot look out on the basin will demand that something be done, these two things have come together and we are willing to co-operate. The incitement comes from other things than from the fear that the basin will be filled for building purposes. I think all feel the desire to know that their houses will continue to be on the river side and the practical way to obtain this will be to co-operate. The great improvement would cost the abutters at least one fourth of a million of dollars. The people think that the time has come to do it. He said he could not say it was not done to help in the fight against the project for building on the river. The value of the property affected by that plan was very great. This statute was drawn in 1893 before there was a proposition to build a row of houses between the present houses and the river. It was done with the idea of sanitary benefit. The Mayor desired another system of drainage for this section which the City left to drain into the river. The sewer would cost a good deal while only two dollars a running foot could be charged to the abutters, but the cost would be very much less if done in connection with the sea wall.

So far as the sewerage goes the testimony of experts unites that the amount is infinitesimal in tidal water. This

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statute was passed before the project of building houses in the rear of Beacon street came up and public sentiment might not have been up to it, but public sentiment is changing, people see that they must meet the sentiment of the age and must have the basin a glory to Boston and not a shame. Public sentiment and the abutters coincide. This statute now exists and may be repealed. Mr. Dabney replying to the question of Genl. Walker, said, I have lived on the street since 1878 (16 years) I believe it possible that other people have the same view that I have. In the first place I want to say that I have no apprehension of another row of houses behind the present houses. It is one of the wildest schemes. As a commercial speculation you could not sell lots enough to pay for the cost of construction. I do not believe people would buy lots to build because of the bleak frontage. They could not have carriages stand in front in winter. Baby perambulators would be blown away. All the streets practically terminate at Beacon street. There are no side streets on the water side of Beacon street which are not narrow. For a row of handsome houses facing on the river people would not be satisfied with such narrow streets. The city would have to widen these streets, by tearing down houses at great expense. Personally I have been rather indifferent about the construction of a park. There are reasons why I do not fancy it and there are reasons why I do. I would not use it, but within the last three years sentiment has demanded something of that sort and so I am willing to favor what I do not want myself. It will afford pleasure to others and I am tired of being reproached for and accused of not favoring this opportunity of providing pleasure and being held up to the public as one that for selfish purposes opposes a public benefit and I have been gradually coming to the decision that I would do something about it, and so I favor it and will aid it, not because I fear a row of houses but because of the general desire for improvement. Personally I am willing to pay fifty per cent of the cost by assessment.

In reply to a question of Mr. Walker's regarding the possibility of electric or steam cars being run in the rear of Beacon street, Mr. Dabney said: It is quite possible that they may some day, if the city does not take possession, but they would not be very apt to do it because it would not pay. The places where cars pay are when they can pick up short travel.

The Chairman asked if when the matter of the proposed bill comes before the Committee of the Legislature can the Board have the assurance that certain gentlemen will appear before the Committee and favor it, also whether the abutters, if the city put a sewer in, would be willing to pay sewer assessments. To both of which Mr. Wheelwright for those he represented, answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Walker said that the Board will want to satisfy the committee that it is right in assuming that the abutters desire the improvement. Also referring to an example on the banks of the Danube, he said. There is an immense body of people moving day and night. Trees 18 or 20 feet high form an agreeable shade and very pretty effect from above looking down, also from the side and below. The esplanade without trees would be pretty hot.

Mr. Longfellow asked leave to revise his estimates as the amount of filling might regulate the cost. It was also not necessary to put money into bastian work. Stone seats could be omitted, and something could be saved on the wall.

Mr. Vaughan suggested that a wall might be built on the line of the fences along the present back yards. Then there would be nothing to hide except entrances. A row of bushes 15 or 20 feet could be introduced to hide market teams and the occasional openings of doors into yards, stable doors etc. By such a plan it would be possible to use part of the thirty foot street and less filling in of the basin would be required.

Mr. Jackson submitted estimates of the cost of a wall and filling for widths of fifty and seventy feet.

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Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston, December 31. 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the City Architect enclosing a letter from the Tiffany Pressed Brick Company suggesting the use of its brick at the refectory at Jamaica Park, also a statement of the City Architect of amount payable for work done by him for this department, were received and placed on file, the Chairman stating that he had approved pay rolls of the City Architect's Department for paid amount.

The applications of J. Winthrop Dolliver and J. F. Foster for lease of restaurant, Head House, Marine Park, were received and placed on file.

The application of John P. Connelly for permission to stand a public carriage on Charlesgate West on stormy days was received and it was

Voted, that John P. Connelly be permitted to stand a hackney carriage on Charlesgate West near Beacon Street, during inclement weather only, and under the direction of the Sergeant of Police.

A communication from the Board of Health regarding the condition of the dumping place for City teams at the foot of K. & I Streets, and suggesting that an embankment of clean material be built on the outer line of the parkway was received and it was

Voted, that the Lieutenant of Police be directed to prevent the depositing of ashes & house refuse at the foot of K & I streets.

The Chairman stated that W. H. Powers, secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of Hyde Park, called at the park office on Wednesday, Mr. Andrew and himself being present, and stated that Mr. C. J. Page had come before the Board of Park Commissioners of Hyde Park and advocated the laying out of a parkway from Franklin Park to Hyde Park along the line of Stony Brook, stating that the Park Commissioners of Boston had given him assurances that they would consider the project favorably in case Hyde Park should join in carrying it out. Mr. Powers further stated that his Board was inclined to favor the proposed park-way provided it could be carried out at a reasonable expense, and that they had concluded to ask for a conference with the Park Commissioners of Boston.

The Chairman further said that he, with the concurrence of Mr. Andrew, had replied to Mr. Powers that at this time a joint meeting of the two boards would be of little use, as owing to a lack of funds, the Board could not now consider the matter, and that he had directed the Secretary to notify the Board of Park Commissioners of Hyde Park to that effect, and it was

Voted, that the action of the Chairman be approved.

A communication was received from the City Clerk enclosing a document, authorizing the transfer of a portion of the West Roxbury Parkway to the Board, which was concurred in by the Board and signed; the document being as follows:-

Whereas the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners created by act of the Legislature of said Commonwealth, Acts of 1893, Chapter 407, has taken land and rights in land, for the West Roxbury Parkway, so-called, (being a tract of land on Bellevue Hill, so-called, bounded in part by Washington and Lagrange streets, with an approach or roadway leading southerly from Reid Street), lying wholly in the City of Boston, and county of Suffolk, and said Commonwealth, said lands being particularly

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described in three Takings made by said Metropolitan Park Commission, one dated April 30. 1894, and two dated November 30, 1894, accompanied by official plans of said Commissioners, numbered respectively 12. 13 and 16, all duly recorded with Suffolk Deeds, reference to which or to the records thereof is hereby made for more particular description: and

Whereas said Metropolitan Park Commission deem it advisable and expedient to transfer the care and control of the open space constituting said Parkway to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston aforesaid, at the request of said Boston Park Commissioners, with the consent and approval of said City of Boston duly obtained and evidenced by instruments hereunto annexed, reference to which is hereby made;

Now, Therefore, this Indenture made this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1894, between the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners abovenamed, of the first part, and the Board of Park Commissioners of said City of Boston, of the second part.

Witnesseth: That in consideration of the premises, said party of the first part doth hereby, under and by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority upon it conferred by said Act of the Legislature, and of every other power and authority hereto enabling, and in further consideration of one cent to it paid by said Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, transfer, assign and set over unto the said Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, and their successors for the time being, the care, control and custody of all the lands and rights in land hereinbefore mentioned or referred to.

To Have And To Hold the same, for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, from the first day of December A. D. 1894 free of rent or compensation, but without expense of any kind to said party of the first part.

And the said Board of Park Commissioners of said City of Boston, doth hereby, in consideration of all the above-made recitals and facts and the transfer herein

made, accept the care, custody and control of the lands and rights in land above described or referred to, upon the terms and for the uses and purposes above prescribed.

In Witness Whereof, we the undersigned Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, and we, the undersigned Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, all duly authorized as aforesaid but in no event incurring any personal liability by reason of the execution of this Indenture, have hereunto interchangeably set our hands and seals, this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1894. Metropolitan Park Commission.

(Signed) Charles Francis Adams, Chairman (Seal)
(Signed) Philip A. Chase, (Seal)
(Signed) William B. de las Casas, (Seal)
(Signed) A. L. Richards. (Seal)

Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

(Signed) Charles F. Sprague Chairman. (Seal)
(Signed) Francis A. Walker. (Seal)
(Signed) John F. Andrew. (Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Then personally appeared the above-named Charles Francis Adams and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed of Before me

Herbert S. Barnett. Justice of the Peace.

City of Boston, In Common Council. December 20, 1894.

The within instrument, transferring the care, control and custody of the West Roxbury Parkway, so-called, taken by the Metropolitan Park Commission in behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from said Park Commission to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, having been read, it was

Ordered; That the said transfer is hereby assented to and approved, and the Board of Park Commissioners of said City of Boston are hereby authorized to execute the same accordingly.

In Common Council, December 20, 1894. Passed.
Sent up for concurrence, Chris. F. O'Brien President.

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City of Boston in Board of Aldermen. December 24. 1894.
Passed in concurrence. Alpheus Sanford, Chairman.
Approved Dec. 29. 1894. N. Matthews Jr. Mayor
of the City of Boston.

A communication from the City Architect relating to the manner of filling under bath houses at Head House, Marine Park was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge to confer with the City Architect.

A communication from the Landscape Architects approving the plan for an underground reservoir on Hagborne Hill was received and placed on file, and the Engineer in Charge was authorized to build said reservoir.

A communication from Irving and Casson giving estimated cost of mantel made for D. M. Morse was received and placed on file and the Secretary was directed to bring it to the attention of the Law department.

A request of the American Surety Company for a release of its bond under D. J. Donovan Sons' contract for Charlestown Heights shelter was refered to the Chairman.

A communication was received from J. T. Wheelwright endosing a proposed bill to authorize a loan for the construction of a sea wall and filling in the Charles River in the rear of Beacon street. Mr. Jackson stated that an iron structure twenty-five feet wide on iron piles, spaced twenty-one feet apart, could be built for fifty dollars a running foot, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Wheelwright for the information of his committee.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge provide for skating at Charlesbank at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to provide seats for skaters at Jamaica Pond.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to carry out the plan of winter work set forth in his letter to the Board of December 15, 1894 excepting the excavating of the water pipe trench, and that the working force be reduced in accordance with said plan of work.

The order of the City Council requesting the Board

to take for park purposes the lot of land bounded by Pine, Moulton and Parker Hill streets was taken from the table and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mr. J. L. Nason came before the Board to ask for a settlement of the case of Cheever Newhall for land taken for Franklin Field. Mr. Nason said that he had valued the property at twelve cents for the front land 150 feet deep and four cents for the rear land making a total of about $6328. which terms he was authorized by Mr. Newhall to propose in settlement.

The Commissioners replied that they could not consider an offer at that figure.

Whereas, the Board, having always recognized that the rapid growth of the city would eventually demand street railway communication between the two sides of the Parkway at the Back Bay Fens, is of opinion that it would be a very great danger to human life to permit electric cars to traverse Boylston Road, through the Fens, in the immediate neighborhood of the steam railroad;

And, Whereas, in two letters to the Board His Honor the Mayor strongly advises the Board to secure a strip of land before it becomes too expensive by being built upon, to be used eventually as a way for electric cars to pass under the main entrance to the Fens, rather than across the surface of the park for a distance of a third of a mile;

And, Whereas, the Corporation Counsel recommends the purchase of an easement instead of the fee whereby a substantial reduction in price can be obtained:

And, Whereas, the City Engineer has certified that the plan for the proposed street railway is practicable, and from investigation the Board has ascertained that the cost of the construction of such a roadbed would not be an unreasonable burden on the Railway Company, whenever it desired to avail itself of the opportunity to build this extension, it is therefore,

Voted, That there be purchased of Moses Williams,

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John H. Storer, and Grenville D. Braman, trustees of the Boston Water Power Co. a right of way over a strip of land twenty one feet wide adjoining Charlesgate West and running parallel with the Boston and Albany Railroad for a distance of one hundred and thirty feet, and the fee in another strip of land twenty-five feet wide and running from said first mentioned strip two hundred and ninety nine feet along said Railroad and thence to a proposed street, all as shown on a plan signed by William Jackson, City Engineer dated December 31. 1894. on file at this office: and that there be paid to the said trustees the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred and ninety dollars upon their giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation of the use of said strips to street railway or passageway purposes, and the provisions that said trustees shall not be required to elevate the first floor of the proposed building over said right of way above the grade shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston, Park Department, Back Bay Fens, Sketch showing proposed location of street railway August, 1894. Wm. Jackson City Engineer", on file at this office, nor to maintain as a passageway the strip sixteen feet wide adjoining the west side of the lot marked on said plan "Proposed Building".

Geo. F. Clarke, Secy.

Boston, January 7. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 1. P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague and Walker. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, that the bills for betterment assessments on lots numbered 64 and 68 on assessment plan for

the parkway, Muddy River, in Roxbury, amounting to twenty thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars, and assessed to the Heirs of Joseph Nickerson be withdrawn from the City Collector said betterment assessments having been assumed by the City under Chapter 226 of the acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association vs. Boston for damages for land taken for Franklin Field for the sum of three thousand dollars with interest from November 26, 1894. upon its giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Gaston's offer for the settlement of this case was taken from the table and placed on file.

On a statement of Lieutenant Dennis that the Massachusetts Humane Society would like to consider the question of supplying all the life saving apparatus required in the public parks, it was

Voted, that the Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be requested to furnish the public parks with such ladders, life preservers and other apparatus for the saving of life as the Lieutenant of the park police may report are needed.

The Chairman stated that he had directed the Secretary to issue permits to Lewis Brandt to sell skate straps on Jamaica Pond, Franklin Park and Franklin Field also to Mr. Antonio Gregori to sell coffee and sandwiches at Jamaica Pond and Franklin Field also to John F. Bloomfield to sell coffee and sandwiches at Wood Island Park, and it was

Voted, that the action of the Chairman be approved.

On the request of W. H. Reynolds for lights at Jamaica Pond, and sundry requests for seats, lights &c. at Franklin Field, it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge provide seats and

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lights at Jamaica Pond and Franklin Field.

The application of William G. Wood for permit to sell refreshments, hot coffee and sandwiches, at Wood Island Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

The following was received, read and placed on file:-

Office of City Clerk, Boston, January 2. 1895.

By vote of the Board of Aldermen of December 31 ult. an order of which a copy is given below, was refered to the Park Commissioners. Attest: John J. Priest,

(Copy) Asst. City Clerk.

"Ordered, that His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Park Commissioners to keep the main drives of the park system in condition for sleighing during the winter season, whenever sufficient snow has fallen to enable them to accomplish said work", and the Engineer in Charge was directed to make arrangements with the Street Department for the removal of clean snow free of soil from the streets to the parkways if such arrangement is found to be practicable.

Messrs John P. Leach, Michael Havey and James J. Clark, a committee of Park Laborers belonging to the Knights of Labor, came before the Board to say that they had been suspended with other laborers and that the action seemed to be directed against them as representing that organization. They asked that they be reinstated, also that the men be put on half time to give all an opportunity to work a part of the time.

Mr. Howe stated that only two of the Committee had been suspended and that such action had no reference to the position they occupied in their organization.

The Chairman stated that the Board could not reinstate any particular men laid off or reverse the action of the Engineer.

Voted, that Mr. Andrew be a standing Committee to give directions to the Engineer in Charge for the care of Commonwealth avenue.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, January 11, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Sprague, Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, F. L. Olmsted and Charles Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Samuel G. Davis came before the Board and asked that it take some action looking to the enlargement of Highland Park by the acquisition of the St. Elizabeth Hospital property which he said he understood was now in the market. The Board took the matter under consideration, and subsequently directed the Secretary to notify Mr. Davis that as the Board has not taken the initiative in matters of this kind, such action as he suggests would be a departure from its policy in this respect, and furthermore, as the property is in charge of the Department of Public Grounds it would be an interference with the privileges of that department.

A communication was received from the City Engineer enclosing a letter from F. A. Hobart, Chairman Trustees Boylston Street Land Company, regarding the relieving of the Back Bay marshes of the accumulating waters caused by the closing of outlets by the City, and the Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Street Department to the request and to say that the Board sees no objection to the proposal to enter the covered Channel of Muddy River in order to rid the Back Bay marshes of the accumulating waters caused by the outlets becoming closed in filling in the lands, it being a measure in the interests of the public health.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets requesting permission to dump material dredged from the Channel of the main drainage works on the Stranderway without expense to this Department, and it was. Voted, that the

Superintendent of Streets be authorized to deposit material dredged from the channel at the main drainage works at such places on the Strandway as the Engineer in Charge may direct.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report of the amounts intended to be expended on the park system for the year 1895, was received and laid over pending a report from the Engineer in Charge, as to what work should be done in the immediate future.

The following was received, read and placed on file:

Office of City Clerk, Boston, January 4. 1895.

"By vote of the City Council of January 3. 1895, an order, a copy of which is given below, was referred to the Board of Park Commissioners

Attest: John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk.

(Copy).

Ordered, that the Park Commissioners be requested to establish public bath houses on the shores of "Jamaica Pond, Ward 23."

A communication from Charles F. Dodge, Secretary of the Puritan Canoe Club acknowledging the receipt of notice of the action of the Board assigning lot numbered two on the Strandway to said Club was received and placed on file.

An application from William E. Sheldon for the privilege of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service in the Public Parks as set forth in an accompanying agreement, was received and the Secretary was directed to refer the proposed agreement to the Landscape Architects and the Law Department for such suggestions and amendments as may seem to them desirable.

An application of James Killian for compensation for extra work on retaining wall, Chestnut street, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge for report.

Executive Circular No. one relating to calling hours at the Mayor's office was received and placed on file.

A proposition of L. L. P. Atwood, agent for A. Davis Weld Trustee, and Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, for settlement

of claim for damages for land taken for West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Olmsted was requested to make some suggestion for providing storage facilities on Commonwealth Avenue for the maintenance service.

Mr. Howe asked for a few day's leave of absence to visit New York and it was

Voted, that the request be granted.

The Chairman submitted an application from Frederick J. Greer for permission to keep row boats for hire at Castle Island, which was refered to the Landscape Architects. Mr. Olmsted reported later that everything of a local nature in regard to boat privileges should be suspended until the matter of the boat service now under consideration by the Board is determined, and the application was placed on file.

The City Architect conferred with the Board and the Landscape Architects as to the requirements for the boat service in the proposed buildings at the Fens and Jamaica Pond. The Landscape Architects were also requested to submit sketches for boat houses and landings on the Riverway, Leverett Pond and Jamaica Pond.

Mr. R. J. Sturgis from the office of Storey and Thorndike, came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the betterment case of Annie I. Coe. He stated that Mrs. Coe had appealed from the assessment, which was $667; that 2311 5/10 feet of land had been taken by the City from her estate and on appeal a verdict had been rendered for the petitioner. The situation now being that the lands abutting on the park on either side of Mrs. Coe's property are held subject to restrictions and a retaining wall has been built by the City in each case.

He further said he was authorized to make a proposition that if the City will assume betterments and will build a retaining wall similar to that built on adjoining properties of J. B. Patten and Heirs of Mary E. Palmer, Mrs. Coe will agree to hold her remaining land

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subject to the restrictions mentioned in the form of deed prepared by the City Solicitor, and, if it is desired, give a deed of the parcel taken. Her present buildings to remain in their present position.

The Commissioners took the offer under consideration and directed the Engineer in Charge to submit an estimate of the cost of a wall.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 21. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Walker and Andrew. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Howe's report of the cost of park construction that it is desirable to do in the immediate future was received and placed on file.

A report to the Board of Aldermen with reference to expenditures on the park system for 1895 was made as requested in its order of January 7. 1895.

The Chairman was authorized to petition the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to make excavations and fillings, build sea walls, and erect piers and appurtenances in and over the tidewaters of Boston Harbor required to carry out the Landscape Architects' plan for the North End Park.

A proposition from L. L. P. Atwood, Agent for Adeline K. Clark, Alice Williams and Heirs of Thomas D. Williams for settlement of claims for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets suggesting the surrender of the covered Channel of Muddy River to that Department, referred by the Mayor to the Board and replied to by the Chairman, was considered and it was.

Voted, that so much of the Covered Channel of Muddy River as is located within the limits of the public streets be surrendered to the Street Department.

An order of the City Council requesting that suitable skating places be provided in the South Boston district, was received and a reply authorized to be made. See Letter Book 5. page 703.

City Council order requesting that a suitable skating ground be provided on the Charlestown Playground was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to the expediency of locating and maintaining an out door gymnasium on Parker Hill was received and a reply authorized to be made. See Letter Book 5. page 702.

A communication from George O. Thatcher and L. S. Dabney submitting a proposed act to amend Chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1891, was received and the proposed bill was referred to the Landscape Architects.

The City Architect's estimate of cost of proposed new building for shelter etc. at Castle Island, also cost of new Administration Building, Boat Landing and Duck House with approaches at the Back Bay Fens was received and placed on file.

An estimate of the Engineer in Charge of cost of building a retaining wall on the Riverway on line of land of Annie I. Coe, was received and placed on file, and the petition of Storey and Thorndike for the settlement of the betterment case of said Annie I. Coe was referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. Babson came before the Board and recommended that a settlement of the Cheever Newhall case for 63,750 square feet of land taken for Franklin Field be made by allowing judgment for $5,000 flat. Mr. Babson stated that the proposed settlement figured a little less than seven cents per foot and interest.

Mr. Babson also recommended a settlement of the case of N. V. Balch et. al. Trustees of the Seavern's estate, for the amount of the verdict and interest, the city to

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assume the betterments, provided they give a deed with the usual restrictions, and it was

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Cheever Newhall vs. Boston for damages for land taken for Franklin Field for the sum of five thousand dollars without costs or interest, upon his giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to settle the suit of F. V. Balch et. al. Trustees vs. Boston for damages for land taken for the Arboreway upon their waiving their exceptions and taking a judgment for the verdict with interest, also upon their giving a deed of the same in the usual form of the Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

The annual report of the Lieutenant of Park Police was received and placed on file.

Voted, that the Landscape Architects be authorized to confer with the City Architect with reference to the designs for the proposed boat houses etc., to be provided in connection with the proposed Park Boat Service.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 28. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Walker, Andrew and Hodges.

Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The certificate of the appointment of Edward D. Hodges as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for

the term ending April 30. 1895, vice Charles F. Sprague resigned, and for the term of three years commencing May 1, 1895, was received from the City Clerk. Mr. Hodges stated that he had qualified, and the Board reorganized by the appointment of John F. Andrew as Chairman and Edward C. Hodges as Chairman pro. tem.

Alderman Flood came before the Board to ask that favorable consideration be given to his request that the Stranday dump be reopened to give Mr. J. J. Sullivan an opportunity to dispose of the surplus material on the land owned by him on Fifth Street opposite the land of the Blind Asylum, from which the material was removed last year. Mr. Sullivan, who was also present, said that there were from 25. to 30.000 cubic yards of material in the bank which he desired to remove. He said he could not deliver it on the Stranday for a less price than what was paid last winter. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration, and, subsequently, on the statement of the Engineer in Charge that the carrying out of the plans will require a larger amount of dredging than the area to be filled will provide for, and that further filling from other sources was not desirable, the Board

Voted, that it is not expedient to re-open the dump.

Mr. John J. Enneking, Park Commissioner of Hyde Park, came before the Board and asked if the Board would extend support to the project for preserving the high ridge or plateau in Hyde Park, called High Rock or Sally's Rock, on the Sumner Farm near Stony Brook. Mr. Enneking said that there was a proposition before the Selectmen of Hyde Park to secure a location for a branch railroad from the Providence line to the ridge to facilitate the removal of the rock for building purposes which would destroy the most picturesque feature of the valley of Stony Brook.

The Commissioners replied that while the City had no authority to go outside of its limits in the matter of Park extension, yet in their opinion Stony Brook ought to

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be preserved and eventually come into the park system, and that the eminence called High Rock should be secured as a feature of the parkway which may at some future day be constructed to connect Franklin Park with the Stony Brook Reservation.

Mr. B. D. Wheeler, Superintendent of Streets, came to confer with the Board with reference to which department should assume the care of the cross-walks on Commonwealth avenue. After some discussion it was

Voted, that until some other arrangement is made this department will keep the crossings on Commonwealth avenue at the intersecting streets clear of snow on condition that the Street Department keep the crossings swept at other times and that this department will pay the cost of the work of levelling the snow on Commonwealth avenue which may be done by the Street Department on the requisition of the Engineer in Charge.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects expressing their views of the project for an immediate construction of an embankment on the bank of the Charles River basin, adjacent to Beacon street, which was read and placed on file. The Chairman was authorized to reply to Messrs Shattuck and Dabney, of the committee of the residents of Beacon street, that the settled policy of the Board has been to consider the proper treatment of the Charles River Basin as a subject which should be taken up in the future rather than as a work of present necessity, and that in the general view of the Board it would be better to appropriate money at this time to complete the park system already laid out than to construct the proposed embankment. But if the Legislature should take a stronger view of the importance of an early settlement of the question of a proper treatment of the Charles River Basin and that the immediate construction of the proposed embankment would be for the best interest of the city the Board believes the plan would be feasible and would constitute an important addition to the

system of open-air resorts now being established, and while it would be glad to carry out any scheme for the improvement and adornment of the city which would be wise, it may be better, when the work is undertaken, to extend it over a greater length of the shore than the partial plan submitted by the Committee.

A communication from Gaston & Snow to City Conveyancer Owen in relation to the settlement with the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association, and referred by him to the Board, was received and the Secretary was directed to invite Mr. Gaston to come before the Board at the next meeting.

A communication was received from Gaston & Snow submitting a proposal from A. F. Freeman attorney for Mrs. Sarah M. Pratt offering to settle her claim against the City for damages for land taken for "West Roxbury parkway, at the assessed valuation, and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Howe submitted a plan for enlarging the women's lavatory at the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge prepare estimates and report on the cost of doing said work.

Mr. Howe submitted an offer of the Narragansett Machine Company to furnish gymnastic apparatus for Wood Island Park according to the specifications of Dr. D. A. Sargent and it was

Voted, that the proposal be referred to Dr. Sargent to cut down the list of apparatus to a total cost not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Sketches for a shelter and duck house at the Back Bay Fens, submitted by the City Architect were accepted and it was

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to make plans and specifications in accordance with said sketches.

A communication from Mayor Curtis, relating to shoveling of snow on the cross-walks on Commonwealth

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avenue, was received, read and placed on file.
and the Secretary was directed to notify the Mayor of the arrangement made by the Board with the Superintendent of Streets with reference to the matter.

A communication from Senator Sprague relating to the Humane Society, was received and it was

Voted, that the vote of this Board of January 7. requesting the Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to furnish the public parks with ladders, life-preservers and other apparatus for the saving of life, be rescinded.

A notice of a hearing to be given by the Harbor and Land Commissioners on the petition of this Board for a license to excavate, fill and erect structures at the North End Park, was received and referred to the Chairman to attend said hearing.

On the application of Francis J. Mohan for permission to dump material for filling on the Strandway, Mr. Howe stated that Mr. Mohan had a contract with the Street Department for removing ashes which would expire March 1st., and that he saw no objection to permitting him to continue filling for the short time remaining. The application was referred to the Engineer in Charge with authority to allow the filling to be done as he suggests.

The following bids for heating apparatus for the Pine Bank House were submitted by the City Architect:

Lynch & Woodward,	1.092.00
Timmins & Manning.	1.135.00
Buerkel & Co.	1.234.00
Walworth Construction & Supply Co.	1.277.00 and it was

Voted, that the bid of Lynch & Woodward be accepted.

An estimate of the Engineer in Charge of cost of one mile of embankment on the Charles River was received and placed on file.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the claim of James Killian for extra work on walls at Leverett Park, was received and it was

Voted, that the report be accepted and that the report and claim be placed on file.

A communication from the Mayor with reference to the proposed act to extend the Arnold Arboretum, stating that he saw no objection to the proposed act, and requesting the Board to attend the hearing before the Legislative Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, was received and referred to the Chairman to attend the proposed hearing and communicate the wishes of His Honor the Mayor in regard to the matter to the Committee.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 4. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot and City Architect Wheelwright.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A reply was made to the order of the Board of Aldermen of January 28. 1895 requesting this Board to report "a statement showing the condition of the appropriations for land and construction on January 1. 1891: particularly the amount of cash on hand, the amount of outstanding contracts, the assessed value of the park lands unpaid for on that date, and the amounts paid between January 1, 1891, and December 31. 1894, for land taken prior to January 1. 1891." (see Letter Book V. 5. p. 721.)

Mr. W. A. Gaston came before the Board with reference to the settlement with the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association. Mr. Gaston stated that his authority to settle was upon the understanding that the City would build a fence the whole length of the cemetery on Franklin Field, as the correspondence would show. He had supposed that the length of line between the park and Cemetery was 280 feet instead of 780 feet, and Mr. Sprague evidently had thought the same. At the suggestion of the Commissioners that they would be willing to compromise by

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paying the cost of one-half of the entire fence, Mr. Gaston replied, that as the City would in any case be obliged to build one-half of the entire length of fence such a proposition would be in no sense a compromise. The Commissioners said that they could not take that view of it without consulting the Law Department, and the Secretary was directed to request the opinion of the City Solicitor on the point raised by Mr. Gaston.

The Board conferred with Mr. Gaston regarding the communication received from him at the last meeting submitting a proposition from A. F. Freeman, attorney for Mrs. Sarah M. Pratt, offering to settle her claim for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway at the assessed valuation, on condition that betterments be assumed by the city, and agreeing to give the usual park deed restricting her remaining land.

The Commissioners stated that the latter proposition involved the building of a roadway along the adjoining land which they did not intend to do. Mr. Gaston said that such being the case they would waive that part of the proposal. In accepting a settlement at the assessed valuation he said that Mrs. Pratt receives less than she paid for the land. It was thereupon

Voted, that whereas by an act of this Board passed October 22, 1894, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston by taking in fee certain parcels of land at or near Centre and Weld streets in West Roxbury, belonging to several persons and parties, whereof two certain parcels of land belonged to Sarah M. Pratt, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Sarah M. Pratt the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty-five dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same, containing an agreement that the City will assume any betterments assessed upon her remaining land, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the

City Solicitor; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Mr. William J. Maguire with his counsel Mr. Burk, came before the Board with reference to his claim for extra work on his contract for laying a tile roof on the Schoolmaster Hill shelter at Franklin Park. Mr. Maguire stated that his contract was originally for seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars and that one hundred and fifty dollars was added for inside pointing. The work was figured on a framing plan showing angular valleys which he sent to the Lindermann Tile Company and received their bid of nine dollars for furnishing the tile. This plan had been changed by the City Architect to curving valleys which required the making of special radiating tile at an increased cost of three hundred and sixty-seven dollars besides the extra cost of laying the tile. He then pointed it outside on the request of Mr. Wheelwright at a cost of four hundred and sixty dollars and repointed it with Portland cement at a further cost of one hundred and sixty dollars, making a total loss to him of about one thousand dollars which he claimed the Architect was responsible for. Mr. Wheelwright denied this and said that Mr. Maguire only had himself to blame for not properly understanding what he was bidding on. He said that Mr. Maguire was shown a plan for a thatched roof and that he had been told that the tiles must be laid on the same curved lines and that the wooden roof would be furred out to conform to the curved lines.

The Board took the matter under consideration.

Mr. C. H. Nichols, with his counsel E. W. Brewer, came before the Board on his petition for the exclusive privilege of letting boats on Jamaica Pond. Mr. Nichols referred to his manner of conducting a boat livery on the pond for the past two seasons and cited the fact that he

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gave his entire time and personal supervision to the business as a reason for giving him the privilege.

Mr. Brewer also spoke for Mr. Nichols stating that he was well acquainted with Mr. Nichols and considered him a suitable person to carry on such a business and that unless it was looked after properly the boat service would become a nuisance to the neighborhood. The Commissioners said that they would give Mr. Nichols application due consideration.

Mr. Howe submitted an application from John W. Bowler for an increase of three hundred dollars per annum to his salary as superintendent of Charlesbank Gymnasium.

Mr. Howe called the Board's attention to Mr. Bowler's application of last year for increase of pay and Dr. D. A. Sargent's letter with reference to it. After discussion Mr. Howe was directed to confer with Dr. Sargent regarding the prospect of obtaining suitable men readily for such positions.

A communication from Henry A. Rueter withdrawing his offer to consent to a restrictive building line of twenty-five feet in consideration of the payment of one thousand dollars and the privilege of an entrance on the parkway, was received and laid over.

A communication from the City Architect relating to filling under bath houses at Marine Park was received and placed on file. Mr. Howe stated that the contractor was proceeding with the work but was under no obligation to complete it before the expiration of his contract and that he had so informed the City Architect.

On motion of Mr. Hodges the Secretary was directed to request the West End Street Railway Company to limit the rate of speed of the inward bound electric cars passing Charlesgate West at Beacon street, to not exceeding four miles per hour.

A petition requesting that Jamaica Pond be cleared for skating was received and the Engineer in Charge was directed to make some experiments to see how far the work is feasible.

An application was received from John F. Bromfield for permission to sell skate straps, cigars, tobacco and

confectionery at Wood Island Park during this skating season, and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit accordingly.

A communication from the Schumacher Gymnasium Company requesting information regarding gymnasium equipment was received and refered to the Engineer in charge to bring it to the attention of Dr. Sargent.

Executive circular No. 2, requesting that the Mayor be informed regarding matters before the Legislature affecting city interests, and calling attention to the revised ordinances relating to the matter, also requesting notice of vacancies before they are filled, was received and placed on file.

City Council orders requesting that Charlesbank be kept open evenings during the skating season, also requesting that electric lights be placed on Wood Island Park, and that the gymnasium be kept open until 10 P.M. during the skating season were received and placed on file.

A Common Council order requesting the Board to report what action is necessary to cause electric lights to be placed on Wood Island Park was received and refered to the Chairman for rekly.

The following proposals were submitted by the City Architect for heating the Athletic House at Charlesbank:

Lynch & Woodward,	$ 748.00
Walworth Construct'n & Supply Co.	927.00
Timmins & Manning,	915.00
Buerkel & Co,	936.00

and it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Messrs Lynch & Woodward.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, February 11. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, F. L. and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. E. Sheldon came before the Board with reference to his entering into an agreement with the City under which he would equip and maintain a complete boat service in the public parks in consideration of the exclusive privilege from 1895 to 1900 inclusive. Mr. Sheldon said that he estimated the capital required would be about thirty thousand dollars and that he was able to undertake the work alone and was confident that he could make a success of it. Mr. Sheldon also said that he was willing to leave the question as to what facilities in the way of boat houses and landings should be supplied by the City to the discretion of the Commissioners, and that temporary accommodations would be accepted where the Board was not prepared to make permanent improvements.

The Commissioners replied that the matter of the proposed agreement would be taken under consideration at an early day.

Mr. James Killian was given a hearing before the Board with reference to his claim for extra work on retaining walls at Leverett Park. Mr Killian was accompanied by Mr. Chubbuck who stated the grounds of the claim substantially as set forth in the communication on file. The Board took the matter under advisement.

Alderman Witt came before the Board in regard to the care of the ice at Wood Island Park. He said there were seven men at Charlesbank and only one at Wood Island Park and he wished a few more men could be employed at Wood Island Park in keeping the ice clear, and that East Boston men be given a chance to do the work. He also said that he would like to see East Boston men employed on Wood Island Park instead of their being required to go out to Franklin

Park and other places at great distances from their homes. Mr. Howe stated that the amount expended to date this winter on account of skating at Charlesbank was two hundred and eighty dollars which extended over six weeks. The Commissioners replied that the difficulty with regard to clearing the ice at Wood Island Park was the lack of proper equipment for doing the work and the insufficient appropriation for maintenance.

Mr. John B. Martin came before the Board to ask it to take whatever steps are needed to enable it to appear at the hearing before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs in favor of the proposed bill for the construction of the Strandway. The Commissioners replied that they could not advocate the measure before the Legislature without being authorized to do so by the Mayor or the City Council, but that they had received notice of the hearing and would so notify the Mayor.

An opinion of the City Solicitor regarding the obligation of the city to join in the erection and maintenance of a fence between land of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association and Franklin Field, was received and placed on file, the Chairman stating that he had already informed Mr. Gaston of the City Solicitor's opinion.

A communication from the Clerk of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs giving notice of hearing on petitions that Boston may incur debt for South Bay approach to the Strandway, also that Boston may incur debt for completing the Strandway, was received, together with a communication from the Clerk of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs giving notice of a hearing on petition of the [Boston" may incur debt for South Bay approach to the Strandway, also that Boston may incur debt for completing the Strandway, was received together with a communication from] Mayor of Boston that said city may be given an absolute grant of Commonwealth Park in South Boston, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Mayor as requested in his circular letter of January 29. 1895, and to suggest that

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the latter notice should have been sent to the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

A communication from the Brookline Gas Light Company giving notice of openings made on Commonwealth avenue under the special emergency permit issued to said Company, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to see that the requirements of the permit are complied with

Requests of the Boston Gas Light Company and Roxbury Gas Light Company for special emergency permits were received and the Secretary was directed to issue annual permits as requested.

The annual report of the City Engineer of the work of park construction was received for printing with the Annual Report of the Board.

A communication from William J. Maguire concerning statements made February 4th. with reference to his claim for additional compensation, that were likely to be misunderstood, was received and laid over.

A report of the Engineer in Charge of the details of the increase in his estimate of cost of park maintenance under his charge over that of last year was received and placed on file.

Executive circular No. 3 calling attention to rules to be observed in making discharges of veterans was received & placed on file.

Mr. Hodges stated that he had conferred with the Mayor regarding the discharge of veterans and that the Mayor took the ground that the law intended to give the Mayor the final decision after a hearing and suggested that the Board obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in regard to it. The Secretary was thereupon directed to ask Mr. Bailey to confer with the Board at its next meeting.

On request of Dr. Arthur K. Stone of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association for permission to give emergency lectures to the park police it was

Voted, that the Lieutenant of Police be instructed to make arrangements therefor and that the Secretary

notify Dr. Stone.

An application of John J. Scannell for permit for carpe stand on Massachusetts avenue in front of Commonwealth avenue, was received and the Secretary was directed to consult the City Solicitor as to whether the location proposed is within the limits of Commonwealth avenue, and the jurisdiction of this Department.

Mr. Howe reported regarding Mr. Fowler's application for increase of pay as superintendent of Charlesbank gymnasium that he had conferred with Dr. D. A. Sargent as to the probability of obtaining suitable men readily for such positions, as requested by the Board at the last meeting, and that Dr. Sargent had said that men properly trained for such positions were not easily found and that in fact he did not know of a man whom he could recommend for Wood Island Park.

Mr. Howe submitted an estimate of the cost of proposed additions to the Women's Lavatory at the Overlook Shelter, Franklin Park, and it was

Voted, to authorize the Engineer in Charge to provide seven additional water closets at an estimated expense of four hundred and thirty seven $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

An application was received from Charles H. Nichols for the privilege of selling refreshments in connection with the boat service at Jamaica Pond if granted to him, which was read and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 18, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges.

Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and F. L. and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Feby. 18. 1895. Mr. Olmsted submitted a report on the petition of H. P. Dowditch and others for the location of a swimming school at Jamaica Pond, recommending that action on the question be postponed for the present. The report was accepted and placed on file with said petition.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a sketch of proposed railing on wall at Jamaica Pond and it was

Voted, that the Landscape Architects confer with the City Architect with the view of obtaining a design and estimate of cost of erecting the same.

On recommendation of the Engineer in Charge it was

Voted, that the Purchasing Agent procure four water carts for street sprinkling.

On a report of Lieut. Dennis it was

Voted, that the Chairman approve a bill of J. P. Broidrick for services rendered Andrew Gilman injured at Franklin Park.

An estimate was submitted by the City Architect for the building of boat landings and boat storage houses which was read and placed on file.

A communication from William A. Gaston regarding the settlement with the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association was received and laid over.

On the application of E. D. Horn and J. P. Kendall for a permit to place derick guys on the plantations of Commonwealth avenue in connection with the erection of their apartment house, it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit as requested, the location of said guy posts to be satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge.

On the application of Henry S. Mackay for a permit for a coal hole at 333 Commonwealth avenue, also permission to occupy a part of the street while building an apartment house at said location, it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue permits as requested.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Margaret Conboy, widow of Thomas Conboy, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A schedule of expenditures for park construction under the present appropriation was submitted by the Engineer in Charge, which was read and placed on file.

The application of the Mohawk Pleasure Wheel Company for permission to erect an Observation Wheel in the public parks was received and permission refused.

A recommendation of John J. Glenn for position of instructor Wood Island Park gymnasium was received and placed on file.

A communication from P. C. Clark concerning insurance policies on buildings at farm of T. B. William's Heirs was received and refered to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the Harbor and Land Commissioners concerning the license to build structures and to dredge and fill in tide-water of Boston Harbor between Fiske's Wharf and the North Paving Wharf, was received and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge prepare plans for the sea walls and solid filling required to carry out the plan for the North End Park, and that the Landscape Architects confer with the City Architect with reference to procuring complete plans and estimates of cost for the structures proposed to be erected at said park.

Mr. White of O'Connor & White came before the Board and asked for a payment of three or four thousand dollars on account of the final estimate under their contract for grading at Wood Island Park. He said they did not want to take the whole until they could finish some inquiries they were making as to the measurement of the work by the city Engineer. Mr. Jackson stated that he was open to conviction and would be willing to rectify any errors they had made even if the final estimate were paid. The Commissioners replied that if the final estimate through any error of the engineer, was found to be incorrect that a further payment could be authorized to cover any under estimate of quantities of material removed.

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On the application of John J. O' Driscoll for permission to pass over a part of the sidewalk at the Fens with teams in filling the Boston Water Power Company's lands while the filling of Boylston street is in progress, the matter was refered to the Chairman to make arangements with the owners of the lands for such use under a bond of indemnity.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, February 25. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M. Present Messrs Andrew and Hodges, all having been duly notified. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a report from the Landscape Architects to be printed with the annual Report of the Board.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report on the question of providing a public boat landing at Charlesbank, refered to His Honor the Mayor and by him refered to the Board, was received and refered to the Landscape Architects for report.

An order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of contructing a wooden pier at the proposed extension of Maverick street, East Boston, was received and refered to the City Engineer for said estimate.

A communication from the City Architect submitting proposals for electric wiring, bells and tubes for Head House, Marine Park, was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge to confer with the City Architect regarding the details of the proposed contract.

A request of the Palace Amusement Company for a permit to place a floating theatre alongside the pier at Marine Park during the summer of 1895, was received and refered to the Landscape Architects for report.

A communication from the Park Commissioners of Detroit requesting the name of one or more competent

Landscape Architects, with reference to the establishment of an Arboretum on Belle Island Park, also a communication from Arthur Simmons offering to furnish watering carts for Commonwealth Avenue, and a communication from the Landscape Architects enclosing a letter from Partelow & Company proposing to establish a boat service in the public parks, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

The Board conferred with W. E. Sheldon with reference to the proposed boat service in the public parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 4. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges.

Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

Mr. Eliot reported with reference to the petition of the Palace Amusement Company for leave to place a floating theatre alongside the Pier at the Marine Park during the summer of 1895, that the proposed theatre was not a handsome structure though not very unsightly and that people would be likely to object to the proposed location adjoining the pier.

From a point of view of police supervision and a doubt of the safety of the structure in case of fire owing to the means of egress the granting of such a license would seem questionable: On motion of Genl. Walker it was

Voted, to decline to grant the petition of the Palace Amusement Company for leave to place a floating theatre alongside the pier at the Marine Park, South Boston, during the summer of 1895.

Mr. Eliot also reported with reference to providing a public landing at Charlestown, that such a landing would be something of a nuisance and require constant watching by the police, and if any

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thing of the kind should be done it would be better to make arrangements with the lessee of the boat privilege to permit the free landing of boating parties and others making stops for the purpose of visiting the park, but not for the landing of merchandise.

The Chairman was authorized to reply to the Common Council that arrangements will be made with the lessee of the boat privilege to permit the landing of pleasure parties and others desiring to visit Charlesbank, and to leave their boats temporarily in the care of the boatman, free of charge, and that private boats will also be taken care of by the week at a moderate rate, but that further than this the Board does not deem it advisable to provide public landing facilities particularly for the lading or unlading of merchandise.

Mr. Samuel Hoar presented a form of lease to be executed by the Board and the President and Fellows of Harvard College, in connection with the proposed extension of the Arnold Arboretum, which was read, and it was

Voted, that the form of lease be approved subject to the approval of the Law Department.

A notice of a hearing March 8th. by the committee on Metropolitan affairs on the subject of a petition for placing Thomas Park under the Park Commissioners was received and referred to Mr. Hodges to attend said hearing and object to the proposed action.

A communication from D. A. Sargent enclosing revised list of gymnastic apparatus for Wood Island Park bringing the estimate within fifteen hundred dollars was received and it was

Voted, to authorize Dr. Sargent to procure and set up the apparatus according to the revised list submitted with his letter to Mr. Howe of February 18th.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on proposals for electric wiring, and bells and tubes for the Head House, Marine Park, concurring in the recommendation of the City Architect for the acceptance of the lowest bid, was received, read and placed on file.

The proposals as submitted by the City Architect at the last meeting are as follows:

	Wiring.	Bells &c.	Total.
Eugene Mc. Carthy & Co.	$ 1.277.00	$ 192.50	$ 1.469.50
Boston Electric Co.	1.654.25	275.00	1.929.25
Hawkes Electric Co.	1.520.00	186.00	1.706.00
Seth W. Fuller.	1.265.00	260.00	1.525.00

It was thereupon

Voted, that the bid of Eugene Mc. Carthy & Co. for electric wiring and bells and tubes for the Head House at Marine Park be accepted.

An application of John H. Clausen for position of physical director at Wood Island Park gymnasium was received and placed on file.

Communications from Francis H. Appleton, Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, and S. A. Kimball relating to the accumulation of ice on the south side of Commonwealth avenue were received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board will do what it can within the limited appropriation at its disposal.

A report of the City Engineer on estimate of cost of constructing a wooden pier at the proposed extension of Maverick street, East Boston, was received and placed on file, and the Chairman was authorized to report the same to the Common Council.

A proposition of the Boston Ice Company for the purchase of tan at Pond street, Jamaica Plain, at fifty cents per cord was received and the offer was declined.

A petition of Thoburn & Murray for a permit to occupy a carriage stand at the Washington and Morton street Entrance to Franklin Park was received and laid on the table.

Mr. Charles F. Curtis came before the Board with reference to the proposed street to enter the parkway through his estate, Mr. Curtis explained the plan and it was

Voted, that the plan for a street from Centre street

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to Jamaicaway, through land of Charles F. Curtis, and approved by the Street Commissioners January 30. 1895, be approved so far as to its entrance into said Jamaicaway provided the northerly corner be rounded with a radius of thirty feet and the southerly corner with a radius of twenty feet.

Voted, to approve the licence with W. E. Sheldon to operate a boat service on the public parks with the understanding that Charlesbank, Jamaica Park, Marine Park and perhaps one other be equipped with boats the present season and that said boats be fully up to the standard required by the specifications, and that said service confer frequently with the Landscape Architects with a view to maintaining a high standard for the boating service.

The Board also conferred with Mr. Sheldon regarding the proposition for a public landing at Charlesbank and his willingness to undertake, in connection with the boat service, the temporary care of the boats of persons visiting the parks without charge, excepting boats used for the lading or unlading of merchandise which under no circumstances is to be permitted at Charlesbank. Mr. Sheldon agreed to permit the landing of transient visitors at the boat landings without charge.

Mr. L. L. P. Atwood came before the Board regarding his proposition for a settlement of the claims of A. Davis Weld and Francis O. Welch, trustees, Heirs of George W. Goldsmith, Heirs of Thomas D. Williams, Adeline K. Clark and Alice Williams for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Atwood gave instances of sales of land in the vicinity.

The Board took the offers under advisement.

Mr. Ingersoll, engineer for the N. Y. N. H. & H. R.R. Company conferred with the Board with reference to the construction of the proposed bridge to span the Arboreway.

The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Ingersoll confer with the City Engineer and the Landscape Architects regarding the details of the proposed

bridge and prepare a final plan before submitting it to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, March 11, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Walker and Dodge. Mr. Andrew being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from C. P. Appleton desiring to know if the Board would consider the purchase for refectory purposes, of the Van Houten Cocoa House from the World's Fair, lately re-erected by him near the Riverway, and the Secretary was directed to reply and refer him to the Brookline Park Commissioners.

A communication from Miss E. L. Coleman complaining of the bad condition of the sidewalks at Westland Entrance to the Fens, and on Boylston street; also regarding the lack of police protection was received and it was,

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to build a plank walk at Boylston Entrance from Parker street to the Fenway houses, and that the Secretary notify Miss Coleman accordingly.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor suggesting the use of the Morse house for refreshment purposes at Jamaica Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply. (see Letter Book V. 5. p. 764)

A proposition of E. C. Harrington regarding the opening of the Ellicott Cottage and his assuming the position of Janitor, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to investigate the matter and report to the Board.

A request of Davis R. Dewey for permission to quote from a reply of the Park Commissioners to a letter from a member of the Board to investigate the subject of

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the unemployed in a forthcoming report of said Board was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has no objection to his making any use of it he sees fit.

A request of Charles H Dodge for the payment of five thousand dollars on account of his contract for bridge at Forest Hills Entrance, Franklin Park, was received and it was,

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to Charles H. Dodge five thousand dollars of the amount reserved under his contract for building a bridge on Franklin Park at Forest Hills Entrance, dated April 23. 1894, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Executive Circular No. 5. giving notice of appointment of Henry Parkman, John D. W. Joy and Charles H. Cole as a commission to examine into the finances of the city, was received and placed on file.

A request of John J. Mc. Cormack for a hearing before the Board concurs in any taking of lands on Charles River by the Metropolitan Park Commission, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Mc Cormack that the Board will give him a hearing at the next meeting of the Board.

Two communications from Uriel H. Crocker regarding the danger from a steam hoisting engine situated on Commonwealth avenue between Hereford street and Massachusetts avenue were received and the Secretary was directed to notify H. S. Mackay that the Engine used in the erection of the apartment house on Commonwealth avenue is a particularly dangerous one and that on no account will the engine be permitted to be used as it is after Thursday March 14th.

Voted, that Robert Coulsey be appointed a park police officer in connection with his duties as watchman at Franklin Park, but without pay as such police officer.

Mr. Alden Geldert came before the Board to ask for a permit to use a part of the sidewalk of the Fenway in front of lots numbered 29 and 30 on the Boston Water Power Company's plan during the construction of two houses for Mr. Daniel S. Ford, and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston, March 18. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Walker and Hodges. Mr. Andrew being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Charles Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Flood and Rev. Robert J. Johnson came before the Board and asked that the dump on the Strandway be reopened to receive about one hundred squares of filling which was still to be excavated from the site of the Gate of Heaven Church. The closing of the dump prevented them from delivering it last year.

The Commissioners replied that they would consider the question of taking the small quantity offered, although the Engineer reports that further filling of this kind is not desirable.

Alderman Flood also conferred with the Board regarding the proposition now before the Legislature for a loan of one million dollars for the construction of the Strandway. The Commissioners stated that although they would like to be able to build the Strandway, the question of the borrowing of the money outside of the debt limit was purely a financial one which ought to be determined by the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. C. Howard Walker came before the Board with reference to the drainage of the Women's Lavatory Building at Charlesbank which was not provided for in the Contract.

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Mr. Walker recommended that the Contractor be allowed to add forty five dollars for a drain under the old building in addition to the order for extra work which he had already submitted to the Board.

Mr. Walker also said regarding the question as to the heating and hot water apparatus that if a heater is used the steam oil called for in the contract can be dispensed with. This item he said could be deducted as soon as he got the contractor's figures. It was thereupon

Voted, That the Board approve the proposed changes recommended by the architects.

Mr. Eliot submitted grading plans for the North End Park, also a revised plan of the Arboreway from Washington street to South street which were placed on file.

A request of Edward I. Browne and the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company for information as to the exact boundary line on the south side of the Back Bay Fens was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge for examination and report.

An order of the Common Council requesting that an estimate of cost of improving the appearance of the harbor by planting trees and shrubbery on various islands be furnished to the Council, was recieved and refered to the Landscape Architect for report.

Executive circular No. 6 directing that a holiday be allowed to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with March 18th. Evacuation Day, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the City Architect, enclosing the estimate of John Mc. Namara for putting Pine Bank House in the same condition as it was before the fire, and recommending the payment of three thousand and eighty six dollars to the contractor to abandon his contract, which was read and laid on the table pending a reply from the Corporation Counsel regarding the liability of the city under said contract.

A communication from the City Architect relating to the location of the gas meter for the Head House,

Marine Park was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the president of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company relating to the construction of the bridges over the B. & A. R.R. tracks, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that it is the intention of the Board to restore the bridge to the necessary height and that his suggestion, as to an additional height, has been referred to the City Engineer.

A communication from H. S. MacKay regarding the complaint against the steam hoisting engine used in connection with the erection of his apartment house on Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file and it was,

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to revoke the permit issued to H. S. MacKay unless the steam exhaust is carried behind and below the engine.

An application of William E. Wood for the restaurant privileges at Marine Park and other sections of the park system was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for report as to the terms and conditions upon which said privileges should be granted.

An application of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for a permit to open a portion of Commonwealth avenue between No. 276 and Fairfield street, for the purpose of making necessary repairs, was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit as requested.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to increase the pay of Maurice McCormack, mason, from three dollars per day to forty two cents per hour.

A suggestion of Mr. John B. Nichols that in the construction of the North End Park the City consider the question of building the sea wall across the dock of the Fisk's Wharf and Warehouse Company, and the filling of the dock, instead of building the wall lengthwise of the dock on the City's property, was

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referred to the Engineer in Charge to estimate the cost of the work and report to the Board.

Voted, that a notice to owners of teams be advertised as follows: Horses and carts will be hired for work in the parks for the coming season as follows only: Offers will be received at the office of the Park Commissioners, Room 509 Exchange Building, 53 State street, until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, March 26, 1895, from citizens and tax-payers of Boston, actual owners of suitable teams March 18, 1895 and assessed therefor May 1, 1894. No application will be received unless accompanied by a tax bill showing that the applicant is assessed for teams or by a certificate from the assessors to the same effect. A list of those making offers will be open for inspection at the Park Commissioners' office until noon of March 30, 1895. Objections to any person will be received in writing. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any offer at their discretion. On the 2nd. of April, at 12 o'clock noon, numbers will be publicly drawn by lot at said office for the persons remaining on the list, and teams will thereafter be hired in the order of the numbers drawn, but no team discharged for cause other than lack of work shall keep its number.

John F. Andrew.
Francis A. Walker.
Edward C. Hodges.
Commissioners.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, March 25, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Walker and Hodges, Mr. Andrew being absent from the city. Also present Messrs

E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel relating to the recommendation of the City Solicitor regarding the contract for altering the Pine Bank House, was received and it was

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to John McNamara the sum of three thousand and eighty-six $\frac{2}{100}$ dollars upon his giving a release of all claims for work done and material furnished under his contract for building a terrace and altering Refectory at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, and an agreement to abandon said contract satisfactory to the Law Department and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

An application of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for an emergency permit to open Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue an annual permit as requested.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report why employees of the Park Department were not allowed leave of absence on Evacuation Day, was received and a reply made. (See Letter Book 5 page 782.)

A communication from W. E. Sheldon requesting that Robert Bibber be notified to vacate the boat landing at 2 street, Marine Park, was received, and the Secretary was directed to notify George Grant to discontinue the letting of boats at Marine Park.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Paston regarding the proposed settlement with the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association for land taken for Franklin Field, that if he will deduct one hundred and twenty-five dollars from the award of three thousand dollars and interest from November 26, 1894, the Board will

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build the entire fence between the cemetery land and Franklin Field.

A suggestion of the Mayor that there should be a bond given for the proper performance of the boat license, was received and referred to Mr. Hodges to confer with the Mayor.

Messrs Powers and Emerking, Park Commissioners of Hyde Park, came before the Board with reference to a bill which is before the committee on Metropolitan Affairs to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commissioners to cede lands back to the original owners also to sell lands taken for park purposes, with the consent of the Governor and Council. They said that as the act establishing the Metropolitan Park Commission provides that lands shall be taken by right of eminent domain only with the concurrence of the local Park Commissioners, if any, that the authority to dispose of lands so taken should also be subject to the same provisions regarding the concurrence of the local Board of Park Commissioners, if any, of the city or town within which the land is situated as is provided in the original act. The Commissioners agreed to make such recommendation to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

A communication was received from the Woman's Education Association requesting permission to label some of the trees in Franklin Park for educational purposes, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Association that the Board approves the plan and will pay bills for this purpose, duly certified, to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, the work to be done under the supervision of the Landscape Architects.

The Secretary was directed to notify Rev. Robert J. Johnson with reference to his application that the Brookway dump to be reopened to receive about one hundred squares of filling which is still to be excavated from the site of the Gate of Heaven Church, that the Board having recently voted not to open the dump on the application of other parties does not see how

it can consistently do so in this case, but that the Board will allow a free dump for the material if that will be of any service.

Mr. Walker stated that he was informed that Charles O. Newell a soldier of the 20th Massachusetts Infantry who was disabled, desired permission to register for the drawing of teams but not being assessed on account of his poverty he could not produce a tax bill as required.

On motion of Genl. Walker it was

Voted, to receive the application under the circumstances if they prove to be as stated.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, April 1. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and F. L. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Flood presented the petition of Charles Cox for the position of Superintendent of the Bath House at Marine Park, and stated that Mr. Cox would like to be considered for the position whether the appointment is made by the Board or by the Lessee of the building. Alderman Flood also endeavored to persuade the Board to allow pay for the material to be excavated from the site of the Gate of Heaven Church.

The Board took the matters under advisement and subsequently directed the Secretary to notify Alderman Flood that the Board having considered anew the application of the Rev. Robert J. Johnson, that he be allowed pay for filling material delivered on the Strandway, declines to change the decision not to reopen the dump.

A communication was received from Hartwell and Richardson submitting plans of Mr. Ford's houses to be

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erected on the Fenway for approval of certain projections of foundation and cornices which respectively would underlie and overhang the park lands, and it was

Voted, that the Board approves the plans submitted by Earlevell & Richardson for two houses to be erected on the Fenway for Daniel S. Ford so far as to the projection of the footing courses of the foundations under the park lands and of the cornices and conductors over the same, as shown on said plans, provided that nothing in this approval shall be construed as giving the abutter any title in the land so occupied, and that said projections be removed at any time at the request of the Board.

Mr. Howe stated that Mr. Fischer had applied to him for another gardener and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to employ a gardener either by a promotion from the working force or by application to the Civil Service Commissioners.

Voted, that Collins & Ham be notified to discontinue filling under the vote of June 20. 1894. extending their contract for filling on the Dorchesterway.

Mr. Howe stated that Mr. E. K. Garvin had made a proposition to furnish and care for such water fowl as are needed by the Department on condition that he be allowed the use of an acre of ground for raising poultry.

The proposition was referred to the Landscape Architects for report.

An estimate of the Engineer in Charge of the value of the extra work done on the wall on Chestnut street and estimate of value of the work which was omitted,* and with regard to his claim for extra work on the wall at the Nickerson estate, that the order for the extra excavation was not given by the inspector as alleged.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the watering of the crossings of the streets intersecting with Commonwealth avenue, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board will water the crossings provided the Street Department continue

* In relation to James Killian, who submitted a statement from the Inspector in regard to the claim for extra work by Mr. Killian on the Nickerson wall it was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Killian that from the testimony the Board can allow that it finds that his claim for extra work on the Chestnut street wall is not justified, as no has been paid for the extra work by the value of the work omitted

the cleaning of the catch basins.

Mr. Howe stated that small sections of Dorchesterway also the driveway at Marine Park could be watered by the Street Department to advantage, and the Secretary was directed to ask the Superintendent of Streets to estimate the expense of doing this work at the cost of this depart-ment.

The application of the Boston Cricket Club for the use of the cricket ground at Franklin Field, also request for a water supply for said ground, was received and it was,

Voted, that the Water Board be requested to extend the water main in Blue Hill avenue to furnish a supply for the Cricket ground at Franklin Field.

Voted, that the permission heretofore granted the Boston Cricket Club to use grounds at Franklin Field for playing cricket, be extended for the season of 1895.

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells inquiring when the Women's and Children's Division of Charlesbank is to be opened, also regarding the salaries of the attendants was received and refered to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from George W. Beardley, Commander Boston Post 200 G. A. R., regarding C. O. Newell's application to be registered for the drawing of teams was received and refered to Mr. Hodges as a committee on said drawing.

The request of Fred G. A. Giannetto to be allowed to pass through the parkway with an advertisement attached to his bicycle was refused.

Executive circular No. 7 relating to expenditures beyond appropriations was received, read and placed on file.

The following was received, read and placed on file:

"At a meeting of the President and Fellows of
"Harvard College in Boston, March 11, 1895.
"Voted, that the Treasurer Edward W. Hooper is hereby
"requested to execute on behalf of the President and
"Fellows of Harvard College a lease from the city

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" of Boston to the said President and Fellows of a " certain part of the Bussey lands, after it shall have " been taken by the city, in addition to the Bussey lands " heretofore taken by the city and leased for the Arnold " Arboretum, as well as certain other lands owned by " the city of Boston, said lease having been agreed " upon between Mr. Samuel Hoar on behalf of this " Board and the Park Commissioners of the City of " Boston, and the terms and form thereof having been " this day submitted to said President and Fellows.

" A true copy of record Attest: E. H. Hooper Secy."

Mr. Jackson submitted plans for a foot bridge under the Bridle Path bridges on the Riverway which were approved and laid on the table.

A police warrant was issued to Thomas G. White to replace the original which had been lost.

Geo. F. Clarke. Secy.

Boston April 8. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. E. H. Hooper, Treasurer of Harvard College, came before the Board with reference to the letter of the Board of the 29th. of March and stated that they appreciated the difficulty in the way of the carrying out the provisions of the lease with regard to building the driveways within five years unless appropriations are made by the City Council, and that the College will take its chances. He further said that the Corporation had a meeting to day and the matter was brought up and it was so understood. He said they were ready to go on with the execution of the lease. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Hooper reply in writing.

Voted, that the Trustees of the Commonwealth Avenue Fund be requested to deposit with the City Collector the sum of five thousand dollars to be held by the City Treasurer for the purpose of assisting in the payment of the expenses of maintaining Commonwealth avenue and keeping it in repair as a macadamized roadway, in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects with reference to the order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the probable cost of planting the harbor islands, asking to be allowed a month or two for investigation before reporting, and the Chairman was authorized to communicate the substance of the report to the Common Council.

A communication was received from Gaston & Snow accepting the proposition of settlement for land taken from the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association for Franklin Field, and it was

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association vs. Boston, for damages for land taken for Franklin Field, for the sum of two thousand, nine hundred and forty-one dollars without interest, upon its giving a deed or release of the same, containing an agreement that the city will erect a six foot, painted, slat fence along the entire boundary between the Cemetery and Franklin Field; together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department.

A conference was held with City Solicitor Babson regarding the case of Augustus and Samuel Bradstreet for land taken for Franklin Field, also the claim of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company for damages for the taking of its right of way, also the claim against R. M. Morse for occupancy of house taken for Jamaica Park. Regarding the latter Mr. Babson said he would like to bring an action

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against Mr. Morse if he thought he could succeed but from the statements of Col. Livermore he very much doubted that there was a sufficient understanding between Mr. Morse and the Commissioners as to said occupancy which would enable him to maintain a claim of tenancy against him.

Mr. Ham of Collins & Ham came before the Board and asked that the Board allow him to continue the contract for filling on the Dorchesterway until such time as it was ready to go on with the filling. He said the price was favorable to the city which justified the keeping the contract alive.

A communication from Theresa May, requesting that the culvert of the brook on her estate be covered, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has done all it agreed to do with regard to the culvert.

An application was received from Mrs. Tennihan to be reinstated as Matron at Marine Park or given employment, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the application will be placed on file to be considered when a vacancy exists.

On request of Philip Ronca for the privileges of the Marine Park Café for the ensuing year, it was

Voted, that Philip Ronca be permitted to occupy the refectory building at Marine Park until the new refectory is opened, provided payment of bills is made by him for the time it is so occupied at the rate of four hundred dollars for the season.

An order of the Common Council regarding the burning of rubbish on the Charlestown Playground was received and placed on file.

A request of N. S. Sheldon for the privilege of giving one or two parties at City Point now operating sail boats, a right to continue for the coming season was received and laid over.

A communication from the City Architect regarding the grade at which the Administration

Building, Back Bay Fens, is to be set, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects to answer.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, April 15, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Andrew and Hodges, Mr. Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs E. H. Howe & J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An estimate was submitted by the Engineer in Charge of the cost of completing the section of Riverway between the channel and the railroad at Audubon Road and the Engineer in Charge was authorized to continue the work in accordance with the schedule of February 16th. as amended by the Board.

New plans for the alteration of the Pine Bank House were submitted by the City Architect and refered to the Landscape Architects.

A communication from the Landscape Architects regarding the plans for the proposed viaduct over the parkway at the Forest Hills station, submitted by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, was received and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the report to the Assistant Engineer of Construction N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Company.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the expense of watering by the Street department certain sections of park drives not convenient for the department to water was received and the proposition was accepted.

The application of Ellen Donahue for appointment as matron of the Charlestown Heights building was received and placed on file.

The application of John M. Field for promotion to the regular park police was received and placed on file.

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The request of Rinaldo R. Goff for permit to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground was received and it was

Voted, that a permit be granted to R. R. Goff to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground until June 20, under the supervision of the Lieut. of Police, subject to removal on notice.

The resignation of Timothy Daley from the park police force was received and accepted. The Chairman also submitted Mr. Daley's request for employment in some other capacity, which was placed on file.

On the request of W. E. Sheldon for the privilege of giving one or two parties at Nth. Point, now operating sail boats, a right to continue for this season the Secretary was directed to obtain from Mr. Sheldon the names of the parties and the number and character of the boats to be provided.

The Engineer in Charge was directed to open Charlesbank Gymnasium May 1st.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase a new buggy and to dispose of the old one in part payment for the same.

Mr. Eliot submitted sketches for railing on wall at Jamaica Pond which he had received from the City Architect and the matter was referred to the Landscape Architects for further consideration.

Dr. D. A. Sargent came before the Board to confer with regard to the appointment of a superintendent of the Wood Island Park Gymnasium.

Dr. Sargent said that Ralph Foster was a good all round man of good training and a man of excellent character. He was now under contract until June 1st. at Trinity College at Hartford where he gets one thousand dollars. Dr. Sargent said he thought he would come for three years for twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he would be very glad to recommend him for the place at Wood Island Park.

Alderman Bryant and Messrs Moses and Bleiler came before the Board with reference to the laying out of a parkway from Day street alongside Linden Street to Everett Park. Mr Moses submitted a plan of the land which would be required from the Bleiler estate which he thought Mr. Bleiler would accept twenty cents per foot for. Mr. Moses said that personally he wished to see this attractive bit of scenery saved and said that it would be a very great boon to the neighborhood which was very thickly settled. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

The following was received, read and placed on file:

"Boston, April 8. 1895.

"Hon. John F. Andrew.

"Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners

"City of Boston.

"Dear Sir, In reply to your letter of the 29th "ult., I have to say that the Corporation of Harvard "College fully understands that, as to the building of "the driveways for the Arboretum at Bussey Park, "your board is entirely dependent upon the granting "of adequate appropriations by the City Council from "year to year.

"Respectfully for the Corporation.

"Edward W. Hooper,

"Treasurer Harvard College."

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, April 22, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.
Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges.
Also present Messrs J. C. Olmsted and C. H. Howe.
A report of the City Engineer that it is impracticable to lay a water pipe to supply the cricket ground at

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Franklin Field, also a communication from the Boston Cricket Club with reference to the same matter were received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the report of the City Engineer to the said Club.

Mr. C. M. Ingersol, Assistant Engineer of Construction, N. Y. N. H. and H. R. R. came before the Board by appointment to consult regarding the proposed viaduct over the parkway, at Wood Hills and the preparation of working drawings. After some discussion it was agreed that the Railroad Co. should make the plans and superintend the work.

An offer of Edwin Frothingham to sell sods and loam was received and the offer declined.

An application of H. M. and S. S. Pike to permit certain games at Charlestown Playground June 17th. was received and permission refused.

A communication from the City Architect with reference to concreding the floor of the boiler room of the head-house at Marine Park also the proposition of Gerry & Northup regarding changes in promenade floors of the head-house, were received and refered to the Engineer in Charge to confer with Mr. Wheelwright.

An estimate of the cost of the Administration Building and Women's Bath house at the North End Park was also received from the City Architect and placed on file.

A communication from Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of Public Schools, requesting that pupils be allowed to take specimens of buds and twigs from trimmings in Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park was received and refered to the Landscape Architects.

Messrs Jesse Gove, Peter Morrison and John Mann, representing the East Boston Cricket Club, came before the Board and asked that a part of the playground at Wood Island Park be devoted to cricket, and put in order for that purpose.

After some discussion the Engineer in Charge

was directed to prepare a part of the playground for cricket as requested by the Cricket Club.

The Board passed an Act taking land in West Roxbury for a public park from the President and Fellows of Harvard College, and executed an indenture of lease to said College, as follows, the estimated expense of said taking being nothing:

City of Boston.

In Board of Park Commissioners.

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Whereas, the undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of and according to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "An Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the City of Boston," being Chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, deem it desirable to take that tract of land in that part of said City of Boston known as West Roxbury, held by the President and Fellows of Harvard College under the trusts created by the will of Benjamin Bussey, for the purpose of extending the Arnold Arboretum, so-called, and for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in said Act and acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof, which tract of land is hereinafter described.

Now, therefore, we, the said Board of Park Commissioners, by the authority conferred upon us by the said Act, have taken and hereby do take and locate as and for a public park, the following described parcel of land situated in the said City of Boston, and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of land taken from the President and Fellows of Harvard College for a Public Park", signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated November 1894, and to be filed herewith for record in the Registry of Deeds for the county of Suffolk, namely:- A parcel of land

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belonging to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southwesterly line of South street near Bussey bridge with the northwesterly line of the location of the Boston and Providence railroad, and running northwesterly on said South street by a curve turning to the north and northeast, then northeasterly, then northeasterly again by a curve turning to the north, northwest and west, all bounding on said South street, in all about 785.60 feet to Bussey street; thence running westerly on said Bussey street about 1,866.21 feet to Walter street; thence running westerly on said Walter street by a curve of small radius turning to the south, then southerly, then southerly by a curve turning to the southwest, then southwesterly, then southwesterly by a curve turning to the south, then southerly, all bounding on said Walter street, in all about 1,168.27 feet to a cemetery; thence running southeasterly, bounding on said cemetery, by a stone wall, about 368.81 feet; thence southwesterly, bounding on said cemetery, by a stone wall, about 86.21 feet to land of Carlton Keyes and William A. Mosman; thence southeasterly bounding on land of said Keyes and Mosman, on land of Frederick E. Kendall, on other land of said Keyes and Mosman, on land of Edward C. North, on other land of said Keyes and Mosman, on land of Annie L. Carlson, on land of Charles E. and George W. Browne, on land of Elizabeth N. Eichorn, on land of Hugh Fitzpatrick, and on land of Frederick W. Peering, by a stone wall, about 899.11 feet to land of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company; thence continuing southeasterly, bounding on said land of said Railroad Company, by a stone wall, about 349.22 feet to the northwesterly line of the location of the Boston and Providence railroad; thence running northeasterly, bounding on said Boston and Providence railroad location, about 1,560.63 feet to the point of beginning; containing 67.6 acres more or less.

John T. Andrews. Francis A. Walker. Edward C. Hodges.

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

Indenture made the twenty second day of April in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, between the City of Boston, a municipal corporation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (hereinafter called the City), of the one part, and the President and Fellows of Harvard College, a corporation established by the laws of Massachusetts (hereinafter called the College), of the other part, supplementary to an indenture between the same parties made on the thirtieth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Whereas the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of the authority conferred upon said Board by Chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts of the year 1875, by a certain written instrument of even date herewith, to be recorded with Suffolk Deeds, has taken and located as and for a public park a certain tract of land in that part of said City known as West Roxbury, held by the College under the trusts created by the will of Benjamin Bussey, for the purpose of extending the Arnold Arboretum, so-called, and for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in said act and acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof, said tract of land so taken being in addition to certain other lands dedicated to the use of said Arboretum, and certain adjoining tracts, the property of other parties, deemed by said Commissioners convenient and necessary for use in connection therewith, and taken for the purposes aforesaid by two certain instruments dated respectively December 30, 1882, and December 24, 1892, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds:

And whereas by an Act of the General Court of Massachusetts, passed on the twelfth day of February, in the year 1895, it was enacted that,

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in case the said Board of Park Commissioners deem it desirable so to take the said lands for the said purposes, said Board of Park Commissioners acting for the City was thereby authorized to lease such portion of the said Arboretum and adjoining tracts so taken as the said Board of Park Commissioners might deem not necessary for use as parkways and grounds to the College, to be held to the same uses and purposes as the said Arboretum was then held under the trusts created by the wills of Benjamin Bussey and of James Arnold, and for such a term, and upon such mutual restrictions, reservations, covenants, and conditions as to the use thereof by the public, in connection with the uses of the same under the said trusts, and as to the rights, duties, and obligations of the contracting parties as might be agreed upon between the said Commissioners with the approval of the Mayor and the College. And the Board of Park Commissioners, on the part of the City, and the Treasurer, on behalf of the College, were respectively authorized to execute and deliver the said lease:

And whereas the said Board of Park Commissioners deems such portion of the said Arboretum and adjoining tracts, as is hereinafter described and leased, to be not necessary for use as parkways and grounds, and considers that the same will be better and more advantageously enjoyed and used by the public as a part of the said park, if the same be leased to the College for the purposes of the said trusts, and upon such terms, and subject to such provisions with regard to the use thereof by the public, as are hereinafter contained; and it has been agreed between the said Commissioners with the approval of the Mayor, and the College that the same be leased to the College for the term, and upon the mutual restrictions, reservations, covenants, and conditions hereinafter expressed:

Now, this indenture witnesseth, that the said Board of Park Commissioners acting for the City,

by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority given to it by the said Act, and of every other power and authority it hereto enabling, doth demise and lease unto the College all that parcel of land delineated on a plan entitled "Plan for the Extension of the Arnold Arboretum", dated April 15, 1895, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and to be recorded herewith, said parcel being situate in that part of said Boston known as West Roxbury and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the intersection of the southwesterly line of South street near Bussey bridge with the northwesterly line of the location of the Boston and Providence railroad, and running northwesterly on said South street by a curve turning to the north and northeast, then northeasterly, then northeasterly again by a curve turning to the north, northwest and west, all bounding on said south street, in all about 785.60 feet to Bussey street; thence running westerly on said Bussey street about 1,866.21 feet to Walter street; thence running westerly on said Walter street by a curve of small radius turning to the south, then southerly, then southerly by a curve turning to the southwest, then southwesterly, then southwesterly by a curve turning to the south, then southerly, all bounding on said Walter street, in all about 1,168.27 feet to a cemetery; thence running southeasterly, bounding on said cemetery, by a stone wall, about 368.81 feet; thence southwesterly, bounding on said cemetery, by a stone wall about 86.21 feet to land of Carlton Keyes and William A. Moeman; thence southeasterly, bounding on land of said Keyes and Moeman, on land of Frederick E. Kendall, on other land of said Keyes and Moeman, on land of Edward C. North, on other land of said Keyes and Moeman, on land of Annie L. Carlson, on land of Charles E. and George W. Browne, on land of Elizabeth N.

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Eichorn, on land of Hugh Fitzpatrick, and on land of Frederick W. Peering, by a stone wall, about 899.11 feet to land of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company; thence continuing southeasterly, bounding on said land of said Railroad Company, by a stone wall, about 399.22 feet to the northwesterly line of the location of the Boston and Providence railroad; thence running northeasterly, bounding on said Boston and Providence Railroad location, about 1,560.63 feet to the point of beginning; containing 67.6 acres more or less.

Also a certain other parcel of land situate in said Boston, in that part thereof known as West Roxbury, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner of Centre and Walter streets and running thence on said Centre street about 815.52 feet to said Arboretum; thence on said Arboretum by an irregular line about 1,223.55 feet to said Walter street; thence on said Walter street about 175.65 feet to the point of beginning: containing about 195,024 square feet, and shown on a plan signed by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated December 24, 1892, and on file in the office of said Commissioners, and on a copy of said plan filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk:

Also the parcels of land marked respectively A and B on the plan referred to in said indenture dated December 30, 1882, and excepted and reserved out of said prior indenture.

Excepting and always reserving out of these presents all those parts of said lands delineated and marked as driveways on the said plan, and also those parts of said lands delineated and marked on said plan as "Quarry Reservation" and "Traffic Road"; and granting with the premises hereby leased a free and unobstructed right of way upon and over all the driveways and the traffic road delineated on said plan, and so marked thereon.

To have and to hold the premises hereby leased (hereinafter called the Arnold Arboretum) unto the College,

and its successors and assigns, for the term of one thousand years from the date hereof, without impeachment of waste, upon upon and for the same trusts, uses, and purposes as those upon and for which the said land held by the College for the purposes of the said Arboretum at the said time of the passing of the said Act of the year 1880 was then held under the will of Benjamin Bussey and the will of James Arnold, and a certain indenture dated the 29th day of March in the year 1872, and made between George P. Emerson, John J. Dixwell, and Francis E. Parker, as Trustees of the will of the said James Arnold, of the one part, and the College of the other part, in which indenture the trusts provided for in the said will of James Arnold are declared in pursuance of the directions in the said will contained, yielding and paying therefor, during the said term, the yearly rent of one dollar. And the City covenants with the College, its successors and assigns, that the College, and its successors and assigns shall peaceably hold and enjoy the premises hereby leased, during the said term without any interference or control of the City, or any person claiming through or under it. That the City will, at all times, save and keep harmless and indemnified the College, and its successors and assigns, and keep the premises hereby leased free and discharged of and from all taxes and assessments of every description which, during the said term, may be assessed or payable in respect of or charged upon the premises hereby leased, or any part thereof. But the City will make and finish, fit for use, within five years from the date hereof the driveways, of which the site and dimensions are delineated on the said plan, and so marked thereon, and will, within two years from the date hereof, finish, fit for use, the driveway running through the valley from Walter street to South street; and that the said driveways, during the said term, shall be repaired

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and maintained in a proper and substantial manner, free of all charge and expense to the College, and its successors and assigns. That the City will, during the said term, provide and maintain a proper and sufficient police in and about the Arnold Arboretum, and the said parts excepted from these presents and the said driveways for the preservation of order and good conduct and the observance of the rules hereinafter mentioned or provided for, and will maintain necessary or suitable boundary fences about the whole of said Arboretum. That no public street or highway, except as shown on said plan, and no steam or horse railway, or construction for like purposes, shall be laid out through or over any part of the Arnold Arboretum, except in such places, if any, and in such manner as the Park Commissioners and the College shall approve. And that if the College, its successors or assigns, shall be desirous of taking a renewed lease of the said premises for the further term of one thousand years from the expiration of the term hereby granted, the City or its assigns will, upon the request and at the expense of the College, its successors or assigns, and upon its or their executing and delivering to the City or its assigns a counterpart thereof, forthwith execute and deliver to the College, its successors or assigns, a renewed lease of the said premises for the further term of one thousand years, at the same yearly rent and upon and subject to the same restrictions, reservations, covenants and conditions, as are herein contained, including this present covenant, and so on from time to time forever.

And the College, for itself and its successors and assigns, covenants with the City that the College will not commence or prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding against the City for the enforcement or recovery of any damages or claim which the College may have or be entitled to against the City by reason of the said taking of the said land hereinbefore described.

And that the Arnold Arboretum shall, at all reason-

able times be open to the inspection of the public as a part of the said park, subject to the rules provided for in said indenture of December 30th, 1882. Provided, always, and it is hereby declared, that the City shall be at liberty to erect and maintain suitable gateways for entrance thereto upon any of the said excepted parts, and to maintain gates there. And that no pavilion, kiosk, urinal, museum, greenhouse, stable, shed, or other building (except as above provided, and except such yards and service buildings as the administration of said park may require), shall be erected or maintained within the Arnold Arboretum, or in any of the excepted parts, or in any of the said driveways, without the prior consent of the Park Commissioners and the College. Provided, also, and it is hereby declared and decreed that the use of the Arnold Arboretum, and of the said excepted parts, and of the said driveways, by the City and its assigns, and the College, its successors and assigns, and the public, shall be subject to the rules hereinbefore mentioned, and to such additional rules as have been or may, from time to time, be agreed upon between the Park Commissioners and the College. But any of the said rules may be altered or annuled by agreement between the Park Commissioners and the College.

It is agreed that when Bussey street is changed according to said new plan, the City shall restore the land now occupied by that street to such a condition of soil and surface that it can be suitably planted with trees, and thenceforward the said land shall be held by the College under this lease.

And it is further stipulated and agreed that the Arnold Arboretum, so-called, together with the land hereby leased shall hereafter be known and called by the name of the Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park.

In witness whereof the City, by its Board of

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Park Commissioners, and the College, by its Treasurer, have hereto set their respective corporate seals and caused these presents to be signed, acknowledged, and delivered in their name and behalf by the said Commissioners and the said Treasurer, the day and year first above written.

The City of Boston, by
Seal. John F. Andrew.
Francis A. Walker.
Edward C. Hodges.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.
Approved, Edwin U. Curtis Mayor.

President and Fellows of Harvard College, by
Seal. Edward W. Hooper. Treas. Harv. Coll.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. April 22. 1895,
Suffolk, ss. Then personally appeared John F. Andrew, Francis A. Walker, Edward C. Hodges, Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the said City; and personally appeared Edward W. Hooper, Treasurer, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

Before me, Geo. F. Clarke, Justice of the Peace.

Adjourned to April 29th.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, April 25. 1895.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M.
Present Messrs Andrew, Walker, and Hodges, also present E. W. Howe.

A conference was held with the Finance Commission with reference to expenditures for Park Construction and maintenance.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized

to open the Overlook at Franklin Park and the ~~Overlook at Franklin Park and the~~ refectory building at Marine Park April 27th.

Voted, That the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase the gravel filling required for raising the grade of the Charlesgate bridge.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to issue a permit to Frank Saucier to occupy a part of the sidewalk of Jamaicaway, during the time required for building a wall at the Hall estate also to erect guy posts where required under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of the City Hospital with reference to clearing up the Dorchester Park in order to avert danger from fires and the matter was referred to the Engineer in Charge for investigation and report,

A communication was received from the City Architect requesting permission to reshingle the bridge connected with the men's building at Charlesbank Gymnasium with red cedar shingles, to put pine cap on the two sides, to rebuild steps, risers and plank flooring of bridge as per perposal of J. J. McNamara at an expense of $219.50. and it was

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to order the work done in accordance with said estimate.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secy.

Boston April 29, 1895.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read & approved.

April 29. 1895. A communication from Mayor Curtis relating to the discharge of William B. Joy was read & it was Voted, that officer William B. Joy be discharged from the Park Police force.

A communication from Albert Mathews regarding the condition of the paddle paths also calling attention to the annoyance from the use of same by pedestrians, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for consent to the extension of the sidewalk of Parker street over a strip of park land at Westland entrance was received, and referred to the Engineer in Charge with authority to confer with the Superintendent of Streets and permit the sidewalk to be constructed as proposed.

A communication from William E. Wood relating to the location of booths for soda fountains etc., in the public parks was received and placed on file.

A communication from the manager of the Palace Amusement Company regarding the location of a Floating Theatre at Marine Park, was received and laid over for a hearing at the next meeting of the Board.

A request of S. J. Hudgens for permission to place Mexican burros in Franklin Park, for the use of children was receind. Mr. Hudgens also came before the Board and explained what he desired to do and it was

Voted, that permission be granted for this season under the supervision of the Lieut. of Police, the location to be determined by the Engineer in Charge.

A request of William H. Doyle for permit to operate a merry-go-round at Castle Island was received and laid over.

A communication from Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Company, offering to furnish ten hundred and fifty five iron signs for ordinances at one dollar and twenty cents each was received

and the offer accepted.

On the application of Charles H. Nichols for restaurant privileges at the Morse House, Jamaica Park, it was

Voted, that C. H. Nichols be permitted to occupy the Morse House, Jamaica Park, for this season, for the sale of refreshments, provided the house and surroundings are kept in good order and the service is satisfactory to the Board.

Messrs James Hart and Peter E. Whalen, a committee of L. A. 7175 Knights of Labor, came before the Board and requested that the park employees be allowed a day for a picnic without loss of pay, on some date to be fixed with the approval of the Engineer in Charge, and it was

Voted, that all employees of the department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on such day as, with the consent of the Engineer in Charge, they may select for the purpose of holding a picnic.

Messrs James Kehoe and E. P. Collins, a committee of district 30 Knights of Labor came before the Board and asked whether the suspended park laborers could not be reemployed. They said the Local Assembly had brought the matter before the District Assembly and that they had been appointed a committee to ascertain the facts. The Commissioners replied that if a further appropriation should be made, suspended men who are satisfactory will be employed in preference to new men.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald came before the Board and asked for police protection at the North End Park, also that the matter of constructing the park be forwarded with as little delay as possible in order that it may be made available for use immediately.

Mr. Howe submitted an estimate of the cost of constructing the portion of the North End Park

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end of Commercial Street, also an estimate of the cost of building a wall across the dock between Coney's and Fiske's wharves which were read and placed on file.

Mr. J. C. Nichols came before the Board with reference to the claim of the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company for damages for the taking of its right of way. He said that the Company would be satisfied if authority were obtained from the Legislature to restore the right of way. The Chairman was thereupon authorized to petition the Legislature with the approval of the Mayor for an act to authorize the City to restore the right of way to the Fiske Wharf and Warehouse Company, upon a release of damages by said Company on account of said taking.

The following was received, read and placed on file.

"City of Boston. In Common Council, April 11, 1895.

"Ordered, that the Park Commissioners be requested, "through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a speedway "for bicycles, on Franklin Park or the Back Bay Fens, "during certain hours of the day (Sundays excepted) "and the same be properly patrolled by park officers.

"Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

"In Board of Aldermen, April 15, Concurred.

"A true copy. Attest: J. M. Galvin, City Clerk."

On the recommendation of the Engineer in Charge it was

Voted, that the pay of the shepherd at Franklin Park be increased from thirteen dollars to fourteen dollars per week.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel submitting an offer of settlement of the Coe betterment case as follows: Mrs. Coe to give a deed restricting twenty five feet and to pay one third of the cost of the retaining wall but not more than three hundred dollars, providing the City will waive betterments and will build the retaining wall with steps in the same manner as the walls are built upon the adjoining estates, and do the necessary grading,

which he recommended to be accepted.

At the suggestion of the Engineer in Charge it was

Voted, that the Corporation Counsel be informed that the Board will accept the proposition for a settlement with the understanding that the wall be built by Mrs. Coe, the City to pay two thirds of the cost not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 6, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Andrew and Hodges, all having been duly notified. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting also special meeting of April 25th. were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by the choice of John F. Andrew as Chairman, Edward C. Hodges, Chairman pro. tem., and George F. Clarke, Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

Voted, that the Chairman pro. tem. be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

Voted, that in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro. tem. Mr. Walker be Chairman pro. tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

Mr. John H. Lackey, manager of the Palace Amusement Company came before the Board with reference to his application for leave to moor a floating theatre alongside the Castle Island Bridge with entrances therefrom, and to give entertain-

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ments subject to any conditions required by the Board. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

Mr. Anthony Hankey came before the Board and asked that the Board allow the building known as the seaside house to remain partly on the park land as at present until the land was required for the purpose of constructing the park. The Commissioners replied that they had no objection to the building remaining until the construction of the park required its removal.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor calling attention to the lack of watering on Commonwealth avenue which was referred to the Engineer in Charge for investigation.

A communication was received from the City Architect submitting a bid of James Flynn for building an iron railing on the wall at Jamaica Pond and the matter was referred to the Landscape Architects for further consideration.

A communication from the City Architect relating to the installation of a laundry plant at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and the matter was referred to the City Architect for estimates and specifications.

A communication from William P. Fowler of the Committee on the Cultivation of Vacant Lots by the Poor and Unemployed, requesting the use of certain portions of park land, was received and the Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Law Department if the Board has the right to grant the request.

A request of Collins & Richards that they be allowed to estimate on screens and railings at the Franklin Park Refectory was received and referred to the Architects of the building.

On request of Rev. D. W. Waldron for permission to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park, it was

Voted, that D. W. Waldron be permitted to hold a

series of picnics at Franklin Park in connection with the work of the Fresh Air Fund, during two weeks beginning July 15, and under the direction of the Sergeant of Police.

The application of James P. Neary for position of instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mrs. Wells requesting that doors be put on the lockers at the new building at Charlestown. Also communication from Walker & Kimball asking for instructions regarding the same were received and the matter was referred to the architects to estimate the cost, and submit an order for said work for the approval of the Board.

A communication from G. Willard Frost requesting information as to the playing of ball at Franklin Field was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of the Street Department for leave to build a sewer in Jamaicaway and Willow Pond Road was referred to the Engineer in Charge to confer with the Street Department as to the preparation of suitable plans.

Mr. William G. Reed counsel in the Bradstreet case came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the case. Mr. Reed stated that his clients had always demanded sixty five cents per foot for the land taken with thirty five hundred dollars for the buildings and interest from the time of taking. He had tried to reach a settlement with the City Solicitor but Mr. Babson did not want to raise the figures of the Commissioners' former offer of compromise of fifty cents per foot. He said that they were now ready to settle for fifty five cents per foot or to try the case which would be reached in a few days. This offer which included three thousand dollars for the buildings and interest, amounting to about fifty thousand dollars, was made

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with the understanding that betterments would be assumed by the City and that the remaining lands would be held subject to the usual restrictions except as to value of wooden houses which should be four thousand dollars instead of five thousand dollars above the cost of the land. The Commissioners took the offer under consideration.

A communication was also received from the City Solicitor with reference to the case which was read and placed on file.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase cinders for the gymnasium track at Wood Island Park.

A communication was received from the City Architect submitting a proposal from Gerry & Northrop for constructing water tight floors for the promenade adjoining the Head House at Marine Park, recommending the construction of the Dolbeare floor at a cost of three hundred and twenty one dollars & it was

Voted, to authorize the City Architect to order the work done as recommended by him.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, May 13, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges, Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from George B. Dickson objecting to the granting of a permit to J. H. Laskey to maintain a floating theatre at Marine Park and requesting a hearing was received, and a hearing set for the next meeting of the Board.

An order of the City Council requesting that Charlestown Play ground be put in condition for playing

ball was received, read and placed on file.
Mr. Howe stated that a large part of the filled ground was already used for that purpose.

An order of the City Council requesting a report on the cost and expediency of establishing and maintaining an out-door gymnasium at Marine Park, also an order of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report as to the expediency of extending Minden street to the parkway and cost of the same were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Kate Gannett Wells concerning the date of opening the Charlesbank division for women and children was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from the City Solicitor regarding the proposed settlement in the Coe case was received and it was

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment of no betterment in the case of Annie S. Coe vs. Boston for betterments assessed on account of the laying out of a public park, on condition of her giving a deed of the land taken for said park containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, except that the words "seventy feet in height to the highest point of the roof from the mean grade of the adjoining sidewalk of said parkway, or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said parkway" may be substituted for the words "sixty feet in height from the mean grade of the edgestone or sidewalk in front to the ceiling of the extreme upper story", also that clause one of restrictions in said deed may end with the words "unless entirely screened from view from

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said park" also upon her giving an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of the laying out or construction of said park; also upon her giving an agreement to build a wall on the line between her land and the parkway similar in all respects to the walls of the neighboring estates and costing one thousand and ten dollars as estimated in the bid of Johnson Brothers, of which the City hereby agrees to pay the sum of seven hundred and ten dollars on the completion of said wall in accordance with said estimate.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to a judgment in favor of Samuel and Augustus B. Bradstreet for the sum of forty eight thousand five hundred dollars without costs and interest, for damages for the taking of two parcels of land containing respectively forty two thousand eight hundred square feet and twenty nine thousand one hundred square feet for the Arborway, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, except that the agreement for release of betterments shall apply only to their remaining land lying between South and Washington streets, also that in clause two of restrictions the words "five thousand dollars" may read "four thousand dollars", also upon their giving an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking and the construction of said park, satisfactory to the Law Department.

The application of Fred P. Cook for permission to operate a merry-go-round in Franklin Park was received and it was

Voted, that said permission be refused.

On the request of Charles F. Davenport for a hearing in the matter of charges preferred against him, also communications from Dr. G. P. Bartlett, John F. Dever and Mrs. Wells regarding the same. The Chairman reported that he had given the officer a hearing and had concluded that a reprimand was all that the circumstances demanded. The matter was thereupon refered to the Chairman with full powers.

An application from James Mc. Mullen for a refreshment stand at Charlestown Playground, June 16 and 17, was received and it was

Voted, that the Lieutenant of Police be authorized to grant permits for the sale of refreshments at Charlestown Playground on June 17th on recommendation of the Alderman or Councilmen of the Charlestown district.

On request of the Mass. Division L. A. W. for permission to pass through The Fens during its parade on Decoration Day it was

Voted, that permission be granted the Mass. Division of the League of American Wheelmen to pass through The Fens during its parade on May 30th.

On request of William H. Doyle for a permit to operate a merry-go-round at Castle Island, it was

Voted, that William H. Doyle be permitted to operate a merry-go-round at Castle Island, for this season, provided there is no musical attachment.

A hearing was given to Bacon & Tarbell on their application for an extension of their carriage license at Franklin Park, also to Thorburn & Murray for leave to occupy a stand on the parkway at Washington and Morton streets also to G. N. Prouty for leave to run carriages from Commonwealth avenue to Franklin Park through the park system.

The Commissioners informed Mr. Prouty that

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they saw no reason why he should seek authority from this Board to do the business which he proposes to do. Subsequently it was

Voted, that no action be taken on Bacon & Burbell's application for the extension of their carriage license for ten years, said license having two years more to run, also that they be requested to place a carriage at the Forest Hills entrance to Franklin Park or in the parkway at Washington & Morton streets.

Voted, that the application of Thornburn & Murray for a stand at Washington and Morton streets in the parkway, be declined.

Voted, that the pay of teams employed in road sprinkling where the cart is furnished by the department be fixed at the rate of fifty cents per hour.

Voted, that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to purchase one hundred settees of the Ames Plow Company, of the pattern approved by the Board, at three dollars and seventy five cents each.

The Secretary was directed to reply to the Committee on the Cultivation of Vacant Lots by the Poor and Unemployed, that though the Commissioners are in sympathy with the work of said Committe, they find, after giving the matter due consideration, that then is no suitable area of ground in possession of the Board which is available for the proposed use; the grounds mentioned by the Committee as suitable for the proposed purpose, being absolutely needed for playgrounds, it is therefore impossible to meet the views of the Committee as the parks are held for the purposes of public recreation.

Voted, that Hendrie Brothers be permitted to sell refreshments as heretofore including sandwiches, crackers and cakes, at the shelter, Franklin Park, for this season, provided they pay bills for the maintenance of said building to the amount of four hundred dollars.

Mr. D. A. Hall came before the Board with reference to his claims for damages for land

taken for the Strandway. Mr. Hall stated that he would settle his claim for damages on account of the taking and give the City a deed of his remaining land on P Street provided the city would pay him twenty-five hundred dollars annually during his life. Mr. Hall stated that the income from the property was now twenty-four hundred dollars per annum, and the assessed value of the land which he proposed to give up to the City was nine thousand dollars.

The proposition was taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, May 20. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Andrew, Walker and Hodges.

Also present Mr. E. W. Foowe.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from George C. Dickson with reference to the proposed hearing to him regarding the request of J. A. Lackey for permission to moor a floating theatre at Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells regarding the need of additional help at the Charlesbank division for women and children owing to the increased facilities, was received, and it was

Voted, that the Mass. Emergency & Hygiene Association be authorized to employ another assistant at the Women's gymnasium for this season at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, in consideration of its assuming full charge of the public room in the second story of the building.

A communication from the City Architect enclosing estimates

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for ranges etc., at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from the City Architect recommending the changing of the balls on the finials of gables at the Head House, was received and it was Voted, to authorize the change as requested.

A communication from the City Architect giving estimate of the cost of making the boiler room at the Head House water tight, was received and referred to the City Engineer to confer with the City Architect with reference to the best method of doing the work.

Executive circular No. 8, concerning the granting of half holidays on Saturdays from June 1, to September 28, was received and it was

Voted, that a half holiday, without loss of pay, be granted to all the employees of this department whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services, on Saturdays beginning June 1. and ending with Saturday September 28, 1895.

Mr. William E. Sheldon came before the Board for consultation regarding details of the boating service.

Reports of the Engineer in Charge regarding the accidents to Cornelius J. Buckley and Martin Woods were received and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow half pay to Cornelius J. Buckley during the time he was incapacitated for work on account of said accident.

The application of Henry J. Brennan for position of instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, and letter of Alderman Witt with reference to the same were received and placed on file.

A letter from Ralph Foster withdrawing his application for position of instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Puritan Canoe Club requesting an addition of ten feet to the lot assigned it on the Strandway, was received and it was:

Voted, that in addition to the lot assigned to the Puritan Canoe Club by vote of the Board December 17, 1894, a further assignment of ten feet in width of the adjoining lot, numbered three, be made to said club, subject to the conditions of said former vote.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay John Peters, father of Phillip J. Peters, single, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

A request of B. D. Sweet for improvement of roadway for equestrians was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge.

A request of D. Foster Farrar for permission to place National Automatic weighing machines upon the parks, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

Mr. Merritt of the Boston Cricket Club came before the Board to confer regarding the water supply for the cricket ground. The Commissioners stated that they were unable to make any provision for this purpose at present.

Applications for privileges for refreshment stands etc. at Castle Island were refered to Commissioner Hodges with full power.

Plans for an iron fence to be erected on the wall at Jamaica Park were received from the City Architect, and approved and referred back to him to procure bids for the same.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, May 24. 1895.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M.
Present Messrs Andrew and Hodges. Also present Mr. E. N. Howe. The Secretary stated that General

May 24. 1898. Walker could not be present owing to the meeting of the Corporation of the Institute of Technology which occured at the same time.

City Solicitor Babson came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the cases of Jacob W. Seaver and Jacob W. Seaver and others for damages for land taken for the Arboreway. Mr. Babson stated that he had settled the case, subject to the approval of the Board, allowing sixteen and one half cents per foot for the land between Forest Hills street and Stony Brook, and fifty five cents per foot for the land between Stony Brook and Washington street, including a release of all betterments assessed upon land of said Jacob W. Seaver Jacob W. Seaver and others and Sarah A. Seaver, including also a right of entrance into the parkway for any streets laid out by the Board of Survey or Street Commissioners, and including also the placing of the usual restrictions upon the remaining land abutting on the parkway except that the value of wooden houses required shall be four thousand instead of five thousand dollars.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to a judgment in favor of Jacob W. Seaver et. al. for the sum of fifty three thousand two hundred and seventy three dollars, with interest, for damages for the taking of three parcels of land for the Arboreway, containing respectively eleven thousand and twenty square feet., ten thousand nine hundred and ninety square feet, and two hundred forty nine thousand, five hundred square feet. upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed of the same containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River; including access to the parkway for such streets as may be laid out by the Board of Survey or Street Commissioners, except that in clause two of restrictions the words "five thousand dollars" may read

"four thousand dollars", also upon their giving an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking and the construction of said park satisfactory to the Law Department; also that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to a judgment of no betterment in the betterment suits of said Jacob W. Seaver et. al. and Sarah A. Seaver for betterments assessed on account of the laying out of said parkway.

Voted, that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company be permitted to pass through Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Exeter streets, on the occasion of its annual parade June 3, 1895.

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to extend the hearth for ranges at the Read House at a cost of thirty one dollars and to do the work necessary for making the boiler room water tight and strengthening the boiler pan as recommended in his communication of May 18th.

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to make certain changes in the work at the men's building, Charlesbank, as specified in the estimate of John Mc. Namara of May 17, 1895.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to open the Ellicott House and employ Mrs. Jane Maguire as matron at $1.50 per day.

A communication was received from Alderman Dever asking why permission was refused to Fred P. Cook to operate a merry-go-round at Franklin Park, and the Secretary was directed to reply that while the Board has permitted the merry-go-round on Franklin Park, it is not the intention of the Board as the park approaches completion to continue this kind of amusement which is objected to on account of the noise from the musical attachment.

A communication from Josiah S. Dean requesting

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that a public hearing be given to those who desire to oppose the granting of permission to the Palace Amusement Company to use any part of Marine Park for its floating theatre was received and placed on file.

Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant the petition of the Palace Amusement Company to moor a floating Theatre at Castle Island Bridge Marine Park.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, May 27, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Andrew and Hodges all having been duly notified. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting and special meeting of May 24. were read and approved.

A hearing was given to William G. Reed and Simon P. Fatteway representing the Palace Amusement Company regarding its petition for leave to moor a floating theatre at the Castle Island Bridge. They stated that the company would obtain a certificate from the Inspector of Buildings satisfactory to the Commissioners, and would build any extension from the bridge which would be required, and also conform to any conditions which the Board would impose.

It was thereupon

Voted, to notify J. S. Dean that the Board would give a hearing to the remonstrants on Friday at 2. P.M.

Police Commissioner C. P. Curtis came before the Board with reference to the granting of a carriage stand at Blue Hill Avenue to George N. Prouty. Mr. Curtis stated that the Blue Hill Avenue entrance to Franklin Park is already crowded with Park wagons

and the Police Board did not think it advisable to grant any more stands at that place, but would give Mr. Prouty a stand at Washington and School streets near the Walnut Avenue entrance of the Park. The Commissioners replied that the proposed action would be agreeable to them.

Professor C. S. Sargent came before the Board with reference to the matter of the proposed entrance from Walter street to the land recently acquired for an extension of the Arnold Arboretum. He suggested that as the persons whom the entrance proposed by the Landscape Architects is not feasible, the Board visit the locality in company with him to see if an entrance could not be made in some other way. Mr. Sargent also requested that the walk of the Arborway adjoining the Arboretum be surfaced and that a fence be built between the Arboretum and the estate of M. E. Downey.

Mr. James M. Battles, for himself and James W. Drinkwater, submitted a request that they be given certain privileges in connection with the boat service in the public parks which was referred to Mr. Sheldon.

A delegation of representatives of the Legislature from the South Boston district, came before the Board in the interest of Mr. Cox's application for the Head House, Marine Park.

Alderman Flood came before the Board in the interest of W. F. Kirby's application for leave to sell refreshments at Castle Island. The Commissioners stated that they would give both the applications due consideration.

The following petition was presented by the Secretary of the Eliot Club of Jamaica Plain.

"Jamaica Plain, May 18th 1895.

To the Honorable Board
of Park Commissioners, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:- At a meeting of the Eliot

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Eliot, of Jamaica Plain, held on the evening of April 15th. the following action was taken, viz:-

"In the matter of the Parkman Memorial the "President reported that the Executive Committee "had voted to refer the matter back to the Club. "The Memorial was then read by the President, and "upon motion of Mr. Spencer it was voted, That the "Executive Officers of the Club present a petition to "the Park Commissioners, and if found necessary, to "the Board of Survey, requesting them to call Prince "Street, or whatever road may be constructed to pass "near or through the Parkman Estate "The Francis "Parkman Road."

In accordance with the above action of the Club, we, the undersigned, comprising the Executive Committee of the Eliot Club do respectfully petition your Honorable Board that the said Prince Street, or whatever road may be constructed to pass near or through the Parkman Estate, may receive the name of "The Francis Parkman Road".

Respectfully submitted, Harold L. Ernst.
President of Eliot Club.
Robert N. Richards, Stephen F. Woodman.
Roswell S. Barrows. Alex. G. Macomber."

On the application of Rinaldo R. Goff for the appointment of Sidney E. Palmer as a special police officer at the Charlestown Playground during the time the merry-go-round is in operation it was Voted, that Sidney E. Palmer be appointed a park police officer for special duty at the Charlestown Playground but without pay for such police service, provided he furnish a suitable bond to indemnify the city from damages on account of any act or misconduct as said special officer.

A communication from the City Architect submitting proposals from L. M. Ham & Co. and James Flynn, for setting iron fence at Jamaica Park, was received and it was, Voted, that the bid of

James Flynn be accepted.

A communication from the City Architect, relating to construction of the bath houses at Marine Park, was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge to confer with the City Architect.

An application from William H. Carey, with recommendations, for position of instructor at Wood Island Park Gymnasium was received and refered to Dr. Sargent for report.

Voted, that the Secretary grant a permit to Connery and Wentworth to place two guy posts on Commonwealth avenue at Beacon street during the construction of a building at said place.

Mr. Eliot reported adversely on the petition of D. Foster Farrar for leave to place weighing machines in the public parks, also on the application of Albert P. Payett for permission to exhibit tableaux at Marine Park, and said applications were respectively rejected.

An application from W. E. Sheldon for permission to sell soda and other light drinks at Jamaica Pond, was received and permission refused.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, June 3. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Walker and Hodges. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

On motion of General Walker, Mr. Edward C. Hodges was elected Chairman of the Board.

Resolved, that the Board assembling for the first time since the death of its late Chairman, desires to place on record the deep loss that the Board and the public service has met in the death of the

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Hon. John F. Andrew.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a plan showing the proposed location of electric railway tracks at Forest Hills entrance, Franklin Park, dated May 29, 1894, and it was

Voted, that the plan be approved and that a copy be transmitted to the West End Street Railway Company.

A communication from Dr. D. A. Sargent recommending P. J. Finneran for the position of instructor at the Wood Island Park Gymnasium, also application of P. J. Finneran for said position were received and laid over pending a report from Dr. Sargent regarding the application of William H. Corey.

The following proposals for electric fixtures at the Charlesbank Men's Lavatory Building were received from the City Architect:

R. D. Ireland & Co.	$ 91.05
R. Hollings & Co.	150.00

and it was

Voted, that the bid of R. D. Ireland & Co. be accepted.

The following proposals for laundry machinery for the Head House, Marine Park were received from the City Architect:

Crawford Laundry Co. Machinery	$1.697.55	
Motor.	467.50	
		$ 2.165.05
Poland Laundry Co.		
Machinery	1420.00	
Motor.	500.00	
Water tight floor	75.00	
Piping.	52.00	2047.00

and it was

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to contract with the Poland Laundry Co. for laundry machinery except the motor, and that the question of supplying power for said machinery and for other purposes at the Head House be referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report.

A communication from the City Architect regarding additional sgraffito work at the Head House and payment for same by this department was received and it was

Voted, that the Chairman approve pay rolls certified by the City Architect in accordance with his recommendation.

Voted, that the Secretary issue permits to Emmy & Wentworth and E. W. Clark to occupy the sidewalk and ten feet of the roadway of Commonwealth Avenue on the north side at the junction of Beacon Street, for removal of sea wall and erecting buildings at said place.

A communication from W. A. Clark Jr. regarding the grading of the parkways at the corner of Pond and Prince Streets, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A request of William H. Doyle for permission for the engineer of his merry-go-round to sleep under the tent at Castle Island was received and referred to the Lieut. of Police with full power.

Sundry petitions from residents of South Boston praying that no licenses be granted for the sale of refreshments and the conducting of amusements on Sunday at Castle Island were received and placed on file.

Voted, that the Chairman, with the approval of the Mayor, request the West End Street Railway Company to furnish power for the electric launches to be used in the boat service of the public parks and to extend its power cables to the several boat landings for that purpose.

Plans and specifications for rebuilding Pine Bank House were received from the City Architect and approved and were referred back to him to advertise for bids.

A public hearing was given to the remonstrants against the granting of a license to the Palace Amusement Company to conduct a theatre at Marine Park.

Mr. J. S. Dean stated that since applying for this

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hearing he had viewed the theatre and did not think it so objectionable in view of the rates which he understood would be charged. His main objection was that the petitioners for a license for a theatre are using the parks for the purpose of making money and that such a use of the parks is not a proper one unless it is of general public benefit. The general objection which the residents have is that they do not want the park used for such purposes which are not strictly for the benefit of the public.

Mr. Thomas Hills stated that the proposed floating theatre at Marine Park was a good thing in the wrong place. The class of amusements allowed in a public park should be those attached to the open-air character of the place. Athletic sports and games should be permitted, but nothing to which an admission fee is charged and is a money making scheme should be allowed. It would be similar to a circus at Franklin Park. It is not the class of amusement which was intended to be provided for in a public park. The argument that the price of admission was high would hardly commend itself to the Board as the more than usual cost of admission would prevent many from attending and was not, therefore, in the interests of the general public.

Mr. Hills said that there were plenty of places in Boston under the control of the City Government where the theatre could exhibit under a permit from the Board of Aldermen. The Commissioners would find it a disagreeable duty to pass on the question of the exhibitions to be given. If this permission is granted the Board would find some difficulty in defending itself from the importunities of other parties to grant some one else the privilege of making money by a similar use of the parks. What would be improper at the Fens or Jamaica Park is as much out of place at Marine Park.

Mr. George C. Dickson objected to a license being granted, but, if it is decided to do so, he asked the Board to go into the question of liability for accidents,

and to provide that if an accident should occur the public will be protected. He said the public has a right to look to somebody in case of accident, and asked if the promoters were organized as a Corporation.

Mr. Hatheway answered that it was a partnership with transferable shares and gave some of the principals names.

Mr. Charles T. Gallagher stated that the theatre is as good as Keith's theatre. The promotors are evidence as to the character of the plays which will be given. They are ready to present a bond to protect the city and others from damages or injury. He submitted a letter from the Inspector of Buildings. Mr. Darnell states that the egress is in excess of that required by the statutes.

Mr. Andrew Burnham also gives a certificate stating that the building is perfectly safe to carry six thousand persons. The important element is as to the question of character of the entertainments. If objectionable in character or appearance it can be ordered away on twenty four hours notice. There is no question as to the rights of the Board to grant permission. As to the objection of Mr. Hills the right to let boats and give park carriages exclusive privileges would be open to the same objection. The same thing is done in London and Paris. The purpose of amusing the public is a public benefit entirely consistent with the use of the public parks. The booths were objectionable when first permitted on Castle Island and were removed or very much restricted in number on that account. The petitioners have a stake of thirty five thousand dollars at issue and can be ordered off in twenty four hours. The structure cannot be used for any other purpose than a theatre. It will be properly secured to rise and fall with the tide and will be perfectly safe. The character of the building and the character of entertainment to be presented and character of people interested are all first class.

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The people who will go are the better class of people who will desire the entertainment and it will be a benefit to the whole park system and interest and attract people to the parks. The promoters propose to maintain an adequate force of special police and fireman to ensure safety to their patrons.

Mr. Hatheway stated that Mr. Hills fears that the high character of the present Board may not be kept up in future years and he fears that objectionable craft may be permitted to go there in the future and that it was therefore, not desirable to make a beginning. He said he thought this view was not to be considered.

On motion of General Walker it was

Voted, that the Chairman confer with the Corporation Counsel to see if it makes the Board or City liable in any degree and if the form of bond submitted is satisfactory for reasonable protection against injury to any person, also that any permit granted should provide that the special police must be adequate to patrol the bridge and protect the public, also to ascertain whether it is necessary for the Company to appoint some one to receive service and become responsible for injuries or damages.

Mr. W. E. Sheldon came before the Board and stated that Messrs Dibber & Hutchins were conforming to his requirements regarding the letting of sail boats and suggested that they be allowed to continue the business for this season under his supervision. The Board without formal vote agreed to leave the matter in Mr. Sheldon's hands and also at his suggestion.

Voted, that Mr. Sheldon be permitted to establish a boat service at Dearborn Pond, Franklin Park, this season.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge with the approval of the Chairman be authorized to appoint an assistant at the Men's Gymnasium, Charlesbank.

Voted, that the Ellicott Cottage be lighted by electricity by overhead wires, and that the building be wired

and supplied with fixtures under the direction of the architects in conference with the Engineer in Charge.

Mr. John C. Morse executor of the estate of Joshua Emmons came before the Board with reference to an abatement of the betterments assessed on two lots of land on Moseley Avenue belonging to the estate, Mr. Morse said that the lots were low and owing to the work on the Parkway were partly flooded with water and could not be sold under the present conditions. He said that the land had been damaged rather than bettered by the laying out of the Dorchesterway. The Commissioners replied that they had no power at present to abate betterments.

Voted, that the bills for betterment assessments on lots numbered 59- 60 and 94 on assessment plan for the Arborway, amounting respectively to six hundred and seventy seven dollars; seventy one hundred and seventy seven dollars, and fifty two hundred and sixty four dollars, and assessed to George F. Feld and Jacob W. Seaver, trustees, and Jacob W. Seaver, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessments having been assumed by the City, by vote of this Board, under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that the bill for betterment assessment on lot numbered ninety-two on assessment plan for the Arborway, amounting to four hundred and seventy-nine dollars, and assessed to Sarah A. Seaver be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessment having been assumed by the City under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that the bills for betterment assessments on lots numbered fifty four and fifty seven on assessment plan for the Arborway, amounting to twelve hundred and thirty three dollars and eight-hundred and thirty six dollars respectively, and assessed to Samuel and Augustus D. Bradstreet, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said

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betterment assessments having been assumed by the City under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that the bills for betterment assessments on lots numbered fifty-eight and ninety-three on assessment plan for the Arborway, amounting to two thousand and ninety-four dollars, and assessed to Jacob W. Seaver, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessments having been assumed by the City under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that the bill for betterment assessment on lot numbered eighty-nine on assessment plan for the Parkway, in Dorchester, amounting to one hundred and five dollars, and assessed to the Heirs of Eunice M. Ruggles, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessment having been assumed by the city by vote of this Board under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that Wood Island Park, Charlesbank, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground and the North End Park be made a new police district to be numbered five, and placed in charge of Sergeant William D. Murphy who is hereby transfered from district number one.

Voted, that park police officer Charles H. Hebard be promoted to a sergeancy subject to civil service rules and be given charge of police district numbered one.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, June 10. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Walker. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A complaint of H. G. Mitchell of Boston University against a park officer was received and referred to Lieut. Dennis to investigate and report.

A City Council order requesting a report as to the advisability of placing sentry boxes on Castle Island Bridge, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report on the expediency and expense of locating a public landing between D, and 2 Streets, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for report as to the expediency of locating a public landing at said place.

On the request of the City Messenger for the use of Charlestown Play-ground for a base ball game on June 17th, also for an exhibition of fire-works and a band concert, it was

Voted, that the Committee having Charge of the arrangements for the celebration of the 17th. of June next be granted the use of Charlestown Playground on said day for a ball game and an exhibition of fire works, and that the City Messenger be permitted to place ropes and stakes and a music stand thereon for the purposes of said Celebration, with the understanding that a detail of police is to be provided for each event.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department submitting plans of sewer locations in Jamaicaway and Willow Pond Road for approval, was received and it was

Voted, that the sewer locations shown on the plans this day submitted by the Street Department and numbered respectively two & three hundred and twenty five and eleven H. one hundred and sixty five A be approved, and that the Secretary issue a permit to the Street Department to construct sewers in accordance with said plans.

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A communication from the City Architect submitting estimates for leaded glass at the Head House, Marine Park, from Redding, Baird & Co, and Edwin Ford and Frederick Brooks, was received and it was

Voted, that the City Architect be authorized to contract with Gerry & Morthup to furnish leaded glass at the Head House, Marine Park, to the amount of ninety-six $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars in addition to the allowance in the contract for this work.

The Secretary submitted a verbal report from Dr. Sargent on the application of William H. Corey for the position of instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, also a recommendation from John Graham of P. J. Finneran for the position of instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, and the matter was refered to the Chairman with authority to make the appointment if he thinks best to do so after an interview with Finneran.

The recommendation of John Graham also petition of George W. Beals and others for the appointment of J. F. Moakley to the position of janitor or assistant instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium; and communication from General Walker enclosing a further recommendation of J. F. Moakley from Benjamin Ward Jr. were received and placed on file.

A request of William S. Mc Robert for permission to ride a cycle at speed through Franklin Park between four and five o'clock A. M. was received and permission refused.

On the application of Timothy Cunohan for permission to operate "flying horses" at Franklin Park, it was

Voted, that permission be granted for this season to Timothy Cunohan to operate his merry-go-round at Franklin Park, in a location to be selected by the Engineer in Charge, and that he be notified that his present apparatus is not such as would be permitted to remain when the

Park assumes a more finished condition.

An application of James Cole for permission to sell refreshments at the L. street bath house, was received and referred to Sicil. Dennis with authority to permit the same on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the bath house.

A request of the Brookline Gas Light Company for permission to lay a main pipe in Commonwealth avenue between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Company regarding the necessity of the work.

A request of the Old Colony Dredging Company for permission to dump material dredged from the Mystic and Malden rivers, on Charlestown Heights flats, was received and referred to the Chairman to petition the Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to permit the Dredging Company to deposit material as requested.

Voted, That Simon W. Hatheway, of Boston, Massachusetts, be permitted to place and maintain a floating theatrical building on the waters in or adjoining the Marine Park in South Boston, also piles, piers, dolphins, gangways and other structures to secure said building, and provide suitable approaches thereto satisfactory to this Board, on said Hatheway first giving a bond satisfactory to the Chairman of this board, to indemnify and save harmless the City against all damages that may be sustained in its park or other property by reason of the placing or maintaining of said building in said waters, to remove all such structures when required by this Board, and pay to such and every individual damaged by any negligence in maintaining or using said building full compensation for damages so sustained and said Hatheway also providing at his own expense from time to time as required by this Board firemen and police officers in and about said building

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and upon the approaches thereto.

On the request of the Boston Electric Light Company for permission to extend its wires from 2 and 1st streets to the floating theatre at Castle Island bridge, it was

Voted, that the Boston Electric Light Company be authorized to extend its electric wires from 2 and first streets over the Marine Park to the floating theatre at Castle Island bridge, said wires to be supported on the present poles on the ground, and to be run beneath or on the side of the bridge properly protected and satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to approve the final payment under the contract with Charles H. Dodge for Forest Hills Entrance bridge within the thirty days after its completion allowed by the contract.

The Secretary was directed to call the City Architect's attention to the delay in completing the buildings at Charlesbank and Marine Park and to suggest that the contractors should be notified to forward the work with all possible dispatch.

On request of William H. Doyle for permission to operate his merry-go-round at Castle Island on Sundays it was

Voted, to enforce the rule prohibiting the business of conducting merry-go-rounds and similar attractions for pay on the public parks on Sunday.

Voted, that the Chairman in the proposed conference with the Police Board regarding the changes about to be made in the management of the park police, request said Board to detail a policeman at the North End Park to look after the safety of the people visiting said grounds.

Voted, that the Lieut. of Police be authorized to open Castle Island evenings and to make such changes in police detail as may be necessary for that purpose.

Voted, that Sylvester Baxter be permitted to use any

plans or photographs of the park system belonging to the department which he may require in the preparation of a guide to the public parks.

The Board concurred in three takings by the Metropolitan Park Commission as follows:

Know all Men by these Presents,

That Whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston in the county of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said City of Boston and is shown upon a plan marked, "Plan of Taking by the Metropolitan Park Commission, for the Charles River Reservation, Longfellow Meadows to Western Avenue, Boston. Scale 100 feet to an inch, April 4, 1895. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape Architects xxx Wm. T. Pierce, Engineer, xxx" being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 28, to be recorded herewith:

Now, Therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this Eighteenth day of April, A.D. 1895.

Edward D. Hodges.
Francis A. Walker.
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

Know all Men by these Presents,

That Whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission, duly established under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being Chapter

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407 of the Acts of the year 1893, has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board, being the Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston in the county of Suffolk in said Commonwealth, and for the purposes defined in said act, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said City of Boston and is shown upon a plan marked, "Plan of Taking by the Metropolitan Park Commission for the Charles River Reservation, Cambridge St. to North Harvard St. Boston, Mass. Scale 100 feet to an inch. April 1, 1895. Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot Landscape Architects xxx Wm. J. Pierce, Engineer, xxx" being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 29, to be recorded herewith.

Now, Therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City all duly chosen, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

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day, these presents being hereby made a part thereof, which real estate lies in said City of Boston and the City of Newton and is shown upon a plan marked "Plan of Taking by the Metropolitan Park Commission, for the Charles River Reservation, North Beacon Street to Nonantum Street, Boston and Newton, Mass. Scale 100 feet to an inch April 4, 1895, Olmsted, Olmsted, & Eliot, Landscape Architects, x x x, Wm. S. Pierce, Engineer, x x x." being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan No. 30, to be recorded herewith:

Now, Therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston all duly sworn, qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking, and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act, matter and thing connected therewith.

Witness our hands this Eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1895.

Edward C. Hodges,
Francis A. Walker
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, June 24, 1895.

The following bids for erecting and completing the Pine Bank House, Jamaica Park, were received and publicly opened and read by the Chairman and taken under advisement.

J. H. Bogart.	$ 26.985.00
G. H. Morrison.	26.584.00
Hence Brothers.	25.844.00
John J. Flynn.	23.455.00
W. L. Clark & Co.	22.472.00
John Mc. Namara.	20.300.00

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, June 27, 1895.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M.
Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson and Howe.

A certificate of the appointment of Laban Pratt as park Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1897, was received and placed on file.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects with reference to proposed filling of flats at Charlestown Heights, and to sundry matters upon which reports were requested by the Common Council which was read and placed on file.

An order requesting a report on the advisability of placing an observatory in the Arnold Arboretum was received and a report was made to the Common Council.

A Common Council order requesting the Board to provide an iron railing for resting wheels at or near the Head House, Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

Communications were received from the City Architect stating that he had accepted the new Charlestown building from the contractor, John Mc. Namara, and requesting permission for said contractor to remove two sections of iron railing in order to remove the old house, and it was

Voted, that John Mc Namara be given permission to remove two sections of the iron railing on the sea wall at Charlestown, to facilitate the removal of the old lavatory building, on condition of his replacing the same in a substantial manner and repairing any damage to the satisfaction of the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from the City Architect enclosing a statement from Lynch & Woodward regarding steam heating apparatus for the Pine Bank House, was received and referred back to the City Architect for examination and report as to the condition of the radiators.

A communication from the City Architect submitting revised specifications for laundry machinery at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and laid over.

Two communications from the City Messenger submitting requests for permission to have a bicycle race, band concert and fire-works at Franklin Park, also band concert and fire-works at Marine Park, July 4th, were received and it was

Voted, that the Sub-Committee for the fourth of July celebration be given permission to hold bicycle races at Franklin Park, also a band concert and fire-works at Franklin and Marine Parks on July 4th, and the City Messenger be authorized to make the necessary arrangements, the fire-works and band stands to be located as directed by the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from the City Architect enclosing estimate of Lynch & Woodward for extending galvanized iron pipe for sea water supply at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred back to the Architect for further information.

A communication from the City Architect recommending sundry items of extra work at the Charlesbank gymnasium building was received and the recommendations approved.

On the request of the Superintendent of Streets a plan for culverts in Talbot avenue to connect with the drainage ditch in Franklin Field, and numbered 5-U-94, was approved so far as it affects the park lands.

A plan from the City Engineer showing location of stone bounds on the southerly side of Longwood entrance to the Back Bay Fens and dated May 1895, was received and the Secretary was directed to transmit the same to Edward I. Browne Trustee, and the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company with the statement that the City Engineer has marked the

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boundary of the park by stone bounds four feet from the line as shown on the plan.

A petition of Eliza G. Rice for abatement of betterment assessment upon estate 233 Pond street, Jamaica Plain, was received and laid on the table.

A request of Martin F. Connorton that permission be given David Looney to place a striking machine on Charlestown Playground was received and permission refused.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel with reference to a form of vote, which in his judgment, should be passed defining the members of the park police with reference to the transfer of said police to the Police Department as provided in Chapter 449 of the Acts of the year 1895, and it was

Voted, that

William A. Dennis,	James J. Pruden,
William B. Murphy,	George Riley,
Charles E. Keith,	Patrick H. Hardy,
Dudley C. Thornton,	George W. Taylor,
Charles A. Gilman,	Eugene H. Ayers,
Charles W. Hebard,	Asa F. Crocker,
Maurice R. Barry,	John Mc. Glinn,
Patrick Powderly,	Francis M. Doble,
Franklin L. Ramsell,	John F. Norcott,
William C. M. Howe,	John E. Ness,
George S. Richardson,	Timothy Deboursey,
Samuel E. Hunt,	Allen Hood,
George H. Smith,	Philip H. Brady,
W. L. Wallingford,	James Riley,
John E. Philbrook,	George A. Durgin,
Martin Bergin,	Chas. F. Davenport,
William G. Nugent,	David F. Shea,
W. H. Fitzgerald,	Jesse G. Conver,
Daniel J. Sullivan,	Frederick W. Miller,
John F. Lynam,	Edmund P. Whelan,
Francis M. Peckham,	James H. Soule,
John G. Postwick,	Thomas G. White,
E. H. Bowman.	Thomas J. Hart,

Edward F. Mahoney, Albert T. Smith,
William A. McGinnis,

are hereby retained as, and declared by this Board to be, the only members of the park police of the City of Boston; that all other persons serving as such park police are hereby discharged from the position of park police for the reason that their services are no longer required; and that all warrants and appointments as such police officers are hereby revoked and declared to be null and void.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow half pay to Edward Hennebery during absence from work for thirty-five days owing to injury received while in the discharge of his duty.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, July 1, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.
Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe, and F. L. and J. C. Olmsted.
The records of the last meeting also special meeting of June 27th were read and approved.
On motion of Genl. Walker Mr. Pratt was elected Chairman pro. tem.
A report of the Engineer in Charge on the application of C. Edward French for the repair of the sidewalk at 323 Commonwealth avenue was received and placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. French accordingly.
An opinion was received from the Corporation Counsel that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is charged with the duty of supervising the contract with Gerry & Northup, for erection and

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completion of the Head House, Marine Park, in place of the City Architect whose office is abolished.

A communication from the Engineer in Charge calling attention to the insufficient means of exit provided at the floating theatre at Marine Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the report to Simon W. Hatheway and to call his attention to the necessity for immediate action to conform to the requirements of his permit in that respect.

On the request of D. H. Waldron for permission to have music at the Old Folks Party, July 22. to be held at Franklin Park, it was

Voted, that the management of the Fresh Air Fund be permitted to have music at the picnic for old folks July 22. as has been customary in past years.

New specifications of the Poland Laundry Machinery Company for laundry plant at the Head House, Marine Park, also communication from the City Architect recommending award of contract to the Poland Company were received and laid on the table.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for the widening of Blue Hill avenue along Franklin Park, in accordance with the request of the Superintendent of Streets and the matter was refered back to the Landscape Architects for further examination & report.

A communication was received from the City Architect stating that he had notified John Mc. Namara to get proper supply and waste pipes in place of those of inadequate size in the new building at Charlesbank Mr. Howe stated that he was informed that the subcontractor for plumbing declined to substitute new pipes, it was thereupon

Voted, to recommend to the Superintendent of Public Buildings that notice be given to the contractor under article eight of the contract that the architect

is of opinion that the contractor has neglected to make good the defect above mentioned and that he will declare the contract broken and take possession for the purpose of doing said work at the expense of the contractor as provided in the contract.

The Secretary was also directed to notify the Superintendent of Public Buildings that wooden turnstiles will be accepted under the terms of the contract and specifications for the Charles-bank building.

Voted, that the contract for erecting and completing Pine Bank House, Jamaica Plain, be awarded to John McNamara, and that Messrs Wheelwright and Haven be appointed as the Architects to have charge of the work.

The Chairman stated that he had appointed P. J. Finneran as Superintendent of the Wood Island Park Gymnasium at one hundred dollars per month.

A communication was received from Jonas H. French President of the Cape Ann Granite Company regarding the furnishing of this Company's red granite for the Railroad bridge at Forest Hills.

Mr. Shepley of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge who was present at the invitation of the Board stated that the color of the granite proposed to be furnished by Mr. French was satisfactory to the Architects and they had no objection to its being used. The matter was then laid over for further conference with the Engineer of the railroad Company.

Mr. Howe submitted grading plans for that part of the north end park east of Commercial street together with an estimate of the cost of building the same so far as is shown on the plans amounting to about seventy thousand dollars. Mr. Howe stated that there were twenty one thousand cubic yards of surplus material and it might

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therefore be worth while to enter into some arrangement with the Ficke Wharf and Warehouse Company to fill in the dock as suggested by Mr. John C. Nichols. Subsequently Mr. Nichols came before the Board and stated that he would submit the matter to his Company and be ready at the next meeting to say what it would do.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald also came before the Board with reference to the construction of the North End Park. He urged that the work be taken in hand as soon as possible, and asked the Board to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars of the loan authorized by the City Council this year for park construction in addition to balance of forty five thousand dollars now available for constructing the North End Park.

Messrs Alexander S. Porter and G. D. Braman came before the Board with reference to the restrictions to be required by the Board on the lots fronting on Boylston street at the Fens. Mr. Porter stated that he had been employed by Mr. Charles Francis Adams to purchase the lot on the corner of Boylston street and the Fenway upon which there is no agreement for frontage on either street, and he asked that the Board give the matter consideration so that some arrangement for access to the land under suitable restrictions can be made with Mr. Adams who will himself come before the Board at the next meeting. The Landscape Architects were thereupon requested to look into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Board.

On the application of Councilman Cadigan it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge open Castle Island at six A.M. on July 4th. to permit the Washington Village Fishing Club to start from that place.

A communication from the City Architect submitting the special agreement with Max Bachmann for additional sgraffito work at the Head House

Marine Park was received and placed on file.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for an iron railing for resting wheels at Marine Park which was referred to the Engineer in Charge for an estimate of cost.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, July 8. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 1. P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Hacker and Hall, Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Simon F. Hatheway came before the Board with reference to the letter of the Board regarding proper means of exit at the floating theatre at Marine Park.

Mr. Hatheway said that the theatre was not now running. That there was an attachment on it and that he would not know until Tuesday July 16, what would be done in the matter. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Hatheway that unless the floating theatre is running in a week the Board will be obliged to revoke the license.

A general order of the City Council authorizing a transfer to the Police Department of twenty thousand dollars from the appropriation for Park Department was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings requesting authority for extra work in connection with the proposed installation of a laundry plant at the Head House, Marine Park was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Wheelwright and report to the Chairman whether the work is not covered by the contract.

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A communication was received from Mrs. Wells suggesting that an arrangement be made whereby the playground of Charlestown Heights can be placed in charge of the Mass. Emergency and Hygiene Association, for afternoons until October, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board does not wish to incur the expense of a kindergartner this year, but that if the Society is willing to undertake the work the Board has no objection.

A communication from the Harbor and Land Commissioners regarding the granting of a license to fill on Mystic River was received and placed on file.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects on the question of a suitable "set back" for lots on Dorchester street between Parker street and the Fenway, which was read and placed on file.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright regarding proposed change in the clock faces for the Head House, Marine Park, and the proposition of Gerry & Northup regarding the same was received and referred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

A communication from Simpson Brothers regarding the laying of an artificial stone sidewalk at 382 Commonwealth avenue was received, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Park Department does not pay any part of the cost of building sidewalks.

A communication from John Mc. Namara submitting names of Thomas F. Carter and John C. Daly as bondsmen under the contract for Pine Bank House, was received and it was

Voted, that the names be approved and that the amount of bond be fixed at seven thousand dollars.

Mr. Howe stated that he had been unable to get the Van Dorn Iron Works Company to finish the contract for the iron frame for the gymnastic apparatus at Wood Island Park, and the Secretary was directed to notify them that the Engineer has been instructed

to do the work at their expense unless the contractors begin work in two days and complete it immediately.

Mr. Jackson stated that the appropriation for foundations of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial was about exhausted and he did not know how it could be finished unless the Board furnished the money for it.

Mr. J. B. Kendall came before the Board and asked that the curb of the sidewalk of Commonwealth avenue on the south side beyond Massachusetts avenue be reset with a curve of greater radius. Mr. Kendall stated that as the curb is at present it presents an obstruction to entering the side road and therefore was a detriment to his property. The matter was referred to the Landscape Architects for report.

Mr. Olmsted presented several studies for widening Blue Hill avenue adjoining Franklin Park, and the matter was laid over to the next meeting to allow of a conference with the Superintendent of Streets.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 15, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker being absent from the city. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A conference was held with the Superintendent of Streets regarding the widening of Blue Hill avenue by taking a part of Franklin Park. Mr. Wheeler stated that the Street Department would construct the avenue with a width of fifteen feet for the easterly sidewalk and forty-eight feet for the roadway if the Commissioners

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would provide sufficient room for the electric railroad and a walk on the westerly side. The matter was then referred to the Landscape Architects to prepare a plan on the basis suggested by the Superintendent of Streets.

A conference was also held with C. M. Ingersoll Jr. Assistant Engineer of the N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R, with regard to the construction of the railroad bridge over the Arborway at Forest Hills. Mr. Ingersoll submitted a sample of the granite which the contractor proposed to furnish under the contract price for ordinary granite, also a sample of New Hampshire granite which he said the contractor would supply in place of Milford or Stony Creek granite at the contract price for fancy granite. The matter was laid over for further conference with the architects and to enable the contractor to submit a price for substituting the Cape Ann Granite Company's red granite.

An order of the City Council authorizing an abatement of the betterments assessed on account of Jamaica Park and Arborway, and requesting the Board to report a list of such abatements to the City Council at the earliest possible day was received, read and placed on file.

The Board also conferred with the City Solicitor as to what action it should take in the matter. Mr. Babson advised that as the act allowed two years for abatement the Board should decline to deal with individual assessments at present and await some general proposition for adjustment from those who had brought suit to contest the betterment.

A request of the Brookline Gas Light Company for a permit to open Audubon Road, between Brookline avenue and Brookline line, was laid over to enable the Engineer in Charge to confer with the company regarding the necessity of the work.

A communication was received from Samuel Bradstreet requesting an abatement of ninety per cent of the betterment assessed upon his land on South Street, and the

Secretary was directed to reply that the Board is not ready to take up the matter of the abatement of park betterments at present.

A license from the Harbor and Land Commissioners to fill on Mystic River at Charlestown Neighborhood was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to ascertain how far filling can be done without the necessity of erecting bulkheads as required by the license and to direct the filling to be done accordingly.

Mr. E. L. Reed, for the Superintendent of Public Buildings, came before the Board and requested authority to change the position of gas brackets and fixtures, and to increase the size of the water supply pipe at the Men's Building, Charlestown, also to increase the number of electric lights at the Head House, Marine Park, and the various matters were referred to the Chairman with authority to approve such orders for extra work as he may think necessary in order to carry out the proposed changes.

A communication from the Mayor regarding the approval of the plans for Pine Bank House, also relating to the employment of Messrs Wheelwright and Haven as architects, was received and it was Voted, that, subject to the approval of the Mayor,

> Messrs Wheelwright and Haven be employed as architects to have charge of the work on the Pine Bank House, Jamaica Park. The plans for Pine Bank House were signed by the Board.

A communication from John J. McCormack requesting an explanation why he was not accorded a hearing, before the Board acquiesced in the taking of his land by the Metropolitan Park Commission, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A report of Lieut. Dennis on the bill of Dr. Elisha S. Boland for professional services rendered

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a woman who met with an accident at Marine Park was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Dr. Boland that the department is not responsible for the bill.

A circular letter from the Civil Service Commission, relating to an "Act relative to the preference of veterans for employment in the public service," was received and placed on file.

A communication from James Flynn stating that he was ready to put up the iron fence at Jamaica Park as soon as the foundation stones were set, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings to obtain estimates of the cost of putting in granite posts, also for erecting the fence with iron foundations.

A request of Arthur W. Halliday for a permit to place a phonograph on Castle Island was received and permission refused.

A communication was received from Simon W. Hatheway stating that the Floating Palace Amusement Company desired to sell the floating theatre now moored to the pier at Marine Park, which was read and placed on file.

Voted, that the permit to S. W. Hatheway to moor a floating theatre at Marine Park be revoked, and that he be requested to remove the said theatre within three days.

Mr. Olmsted reported with reference to the line of the edgestone on Commonwealth avenue near Massachusetts avenue, that they would recommend the line shown on the plan for widening the side roads of Commonwealth avenue dated May 14, 1890.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 22, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Proposals for elevator from Whittier Machine Co, and for laundry machinery from the Leland Laundry Machinery Co. for the Head House, Marine Park were accepted and signed by the Board.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon regarding the need of excavating a channel for the boat service at Marine Park, also requesting permission to sell cigars and cool drinks at the boat landing at said park, was received and it was

Voted. that W. E. Sheldon be authorized to sell temperance drinks and cigars on the wharf at Marine Park, for this season.

Communications from Mrs. Wells and Miss Tower stating what the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association proposes to do regarding the employment of a Kindergartner at Charlestown Heights Playground were received, read and placed on file.

Proposals for Clock at Head House, Marine Park from George M. Stevens and the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., were received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Wheelwright with regard to the Clock dials.

A report of Lieut. Dennis giving a list of the park property in use by the park police June 30. 1895, was received and the Secretary was directed to forward the list to the Board of Police and inquire whether it is necessary to have any part of the property transfered to that Department.

A communication from Messrs Olmsted Olmsted & Eliot with reference to the scheme for planting

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the harbor islands with trees and shrubs, was received and the Chairman was authorized to send a reply to the Common Council regarding the matter.

A communication from Dr. E. S. Boland regarding his bill for professional services rendered a woman at Marine Park, was received, read and placed on file.

Mr. Hartwell came before the Board with reference to the progress of the work on the refectory building at Franklin Park. He said that the delay was due to the change from wood to terra cotta in the columns and balustrades, and the backwardness of the sub-contractor in supplying the iron work. This difficulty, he said, was about over and the work should now proceed rapidly. Mr. Hartwell also stated that he had an offer from the contractor to excavate 750 cu. yds of earth from the Pergola, to make room for the loam, for the sum of three hundred dollars, and it was voted, to accept the offer.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to allow the final payment to Moulton & O'Mahoney under their contract for grading at Leverett Park, within the thirty days limit allowed for payment under said contract.

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to the Brookline Gas Light Company to open Audubon road between Brookline avenue and Beacon street in a location satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge, for the purpose of laying a main pipe.

Mr. Eliot submitted several cross sections for widening Blue Hill avenue at Franklin Park. After discussion the matter was referred back to the Landscape Architects to prepare a plan.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, July 29. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt. Mr. Walker being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

John P. Leahy came before the board with reference to the completion of the Parkway adjoining his land on the south side of Dorchesterway between Pond street and Dorchester avenue. Mr. Leahy stated that he was about to cut the land up into lots and put it on the market and desired the parkway finished so as to give access to the lots. The Commissioners suggested that he should get the sewer and water pipes put in before the surfacing of the Parkway.

A conference was held with the representatives of the Boston and South Boston Yacht Clubs regarding the construction of the Strandway.

Messrs John A. Nelson, Albert C. Farnald and James P. Phinney represented the Boston Yacht Club, Commodore Nelson stated that their building should either be moved at once or not till after the first of October. They preferred the latter date as the yachts would then be out of commission. Mr. Nelson said that they could get new bids for moving the club house and submit them to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

C. F. Morrill, Commodore of the South Boston Yacht Club stated that his club intended building a new club House on the new site and that it would only be necessary to provide for access to the old building until the new location was ready.

Mr. H. H. Reuter came before the Board with reference to his entrance on the Parkway and the placing of restrictions upon his land. Mr. Reuter stated that he should want to provide in any agreement for restrictions that the present stable building should be allowed to remain either for its present use or for dwelling

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house purposes in case he should ever want to alter the building. The Commissioners agreed to consider the matter and to see if the agreement could be so drawn. Mr. Ruster also claimed that the City should bear the cost of so much of the retaining wall on the Park line as was made necessary by the construction of the parkway.

A communication was received from E. M. Wheelwright regarding various matters of detail at the Head House, Marine Park, which was refered to the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

A communication was received from Miss Ellen M. Tower regarding the employment of Katharine L. Campbell as matron or Kindergartner at Charlestown Heights and it was

Voted, that the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association may appoint subject to the approval of the Board a person to act as Superintendent or Matron of the Children's playground at Charlestown Heights who shall under the supervision of said association have general management of the same with similar powers to those exercised by said association over the Children's playground at Charlesbank

Messrs E. R. Chenery and H. K. Dunton a committee of De Molay Commandery Knights Templars came before the Board to ask permission to erect an observation stand on Commonwealth avenue between Arlington and Berkeley streets. After discussion the matter was left open for the committee to submit a plan of the proposed stand at the next meeting of the Board.

A request was received from William L. Miller for an extension of the time for the completion of his contract for filling at Marine Park, and it was

Voted, that the time for the completion of the contract with William L. Miller for filling at Marine Park, dated July 27, 1894, be

extended to October 31st 1895.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 5. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Mr. Walker being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Howe submitted a report in relation to teaming on Commonwealth avenue in violation of the ordinances which was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Board of Police.

On the request of Simon W. Hatheway that the bond given by him in the matter of the floating theatre at Marine Park may be cancelled to save further expense, it was

Voted, that the Chairman certify to the American Surety Company that the conditions of the bond given by Simon W. Hatheway to remove the theatrical building from the waters of Marine Park, together with all other structures erected in said waters, having been fulfilled in accordance with the terms of said bond the obligations of the American Surety Company as surety upon said bond are discharged.

A statement from H. H. Rueter of cost of retaining wall on his estate fronting on the Parkway was received and placed on file.

A request of Charles H. Nichols that the permission granted him to occupy the Morse House may be revoked, was received and it was

Voted, that the Chairman notify him to vacate the premises immediately.

A petition was also received from G. W. Prouty

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to occupy the Morse estate for the purposes of a refectory which was laid over.

A petition from Timothy Sunohan for permission to run his merry-go-round at Franklin Park on Sundays, also letter from H. D. Forbes endorsing said petition were received, and it was Voted, to decline the request.

A communication from George S. Hale suggesting that provision should be made for letting baby carriages to parents who bring young children to the parks was received, read and referred to Bacon & Tarbell to see if they will undertake the business in connection with the carriage service.

A communication from Clara M. Ripley suggesting that receptacles for rubbish be provided in the parks was received and referred to the Engineer in charge.

On the inquiry of John D. Fitzpatrick regarding the price of the lot of land corner of Walnut avenue and Seaver street belonging to the department, the Secretary was directed to invite him to come before the Board at its next meeting.

A communication from Gaston & Snow regarding the building of a fence between Franklin Field and the land of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association was received, and the Engineer in Charge was directed to obtain bids for the erection of a fence in accordance with the agreement with the Cemetery Association.

A letter from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the construction of catch-basins on Alford street in connection with the proposed widening of said street on Charlestown Playground, was received and laid over pending the receipt of information from the Street Commissioners regarding the plans for widening said street.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets approving the plan for widening Blue Hill avenue, and

requesting leave for the storage of loam on Franklin Field, were received, read and placed on file and it was Voted, that the storage of loam on Franklin Field by the Superintendent of Streets, during the construction of a portion of Blue Hill avenue, be permitted under the direction of the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from Alderman Flood regarding the opening of the pier at Marine Park was received and the Engineer in Charge was directed to see if any thing can be done to forward the matter.

The Board conferred with Mr. Ingersoll, engineer N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. and Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Shepley regarding the construction of the railroad bridge at Forest Hills, also with J.J. Flynn and James Driver regarding the delay in completing the refectory at Franklin Park, also with W.E. Sheldon regarding sundry matters relating to the park boat service.

Mr. E.R. Cheney submitted plans of the proposed observation stand to be erected on Commonwealth avenue for the De Molay Commandery, which were referred to the Engineer in Charge.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a grading plan for widening Blue Hill avenue from Canterbury Street to Seaver Street, also a preliminary sketch for widening Blue Hill avenue at Franklin Field, and the matter was laid over for further report from the Landscape Architects.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 12, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissions was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs F.L. Olmsted and E.W. Howe,

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Mr. J. M. Codman came before the Board with reference to the betterment assessment on the land of the heirs of Henrietta S. Sargent. Mr. Codman said that they had a claim for damages for the taking of a small parcel of land and that Professor Sargent would like to settle the whole matter including restrictions on the remaining land. The Commissioners replied that they would soon take up the matter of betterments including Prof Sargent's

Mr. Reed, for the Superintendent of Public Buildings, submitted revised bid of James Flynn for additional work on the iron fence, Jamaica Park, amounting to two hundred dollars, also proposition of R. D. Ireland & Co. for substituting electroliers for the gas and electric light fixtures now in the Charlestown building, for thirty five dollars in addition to the amount of their former contract. Both propositions were accepted. The Superintendent of Public Buildings was also authorized to order changes in boxes at the Head House Marine Park, in accordance with a plan submitted by Mr. Reed.

Mr. E. M. Woods, treasurer George H. Woods Co., submitted a plan for proposed bulkhead line adjoining Charlestown Heights, and asked that the Board join in a petition to the Harbor and Land Commissioners and the War Department to fill out to the proposed line.
The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

A notice from the Board of Street Commissioners of re-location of Beaver street December 5. 1894, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven regarding employment of Stone and Webster as experts on electrical work for Pine Bank House, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Wheelwright regarding the purpose of the proposed employment.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright enclosing a report of Mr. F. Tudor on the question of damaged radiators at Pine Bank House, also a

further communication from Whelwright and Bacon enclosing a reply of Lynch and Woodward regarding the same, were received and placed on file.

A communication from John J. O'Brien & Co. giving prices for stone for arches of railroad bridge at Forest Hills was received and placed on file.

A conference was also held with C. M. Ingersol Jr. regarding the stone to be used for the railroad bridge.

A request of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for a permit for the erection of a reviewing stand on the south side of Commonwealth avenue between Berkeley and Clarendon streets, August 27th, also application of the Hugh de Payens Commandery, Melrose, for permit to erect an observation stand on Commonwealth avenue between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets were received and placed on file.

A conference was held with E. R. Cheney, representing the De Molay Commandery, and with E. B. Sears, representing the Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose, regarding the erection of observation stands on Commonwealth avenue, and it was

Voted, that permission be given to the De Molay Commandery of Knights Templars to erect an observation stand in Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Berkeley street, in conformity with the regulations of the Inspector of Buildings, under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge of this department, and upon condition that said Commandery assumes all liability on account of the erection of said stand and agrees to protect the trees from injury, to screen the ends and rear of the stand with hemlock boughs or other suitable material, and remove said stand on or before August 31st. 1895, and restore the grounds to their former condition.

Voted, that permission be given to the Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston, to

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erect an observation stand in Commonwealth avenue, on the south side between Berkeley and Clarendon streets, uniform in height with the De Molay stand, in conformity with the regulations of the Inspector of Buildings, under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge of this department, and upon condition that said Superintendent of Public Buildings assumes all liability on account of the erection of said stand and agrees to protect the trees from injury, to screen the ends and rear of the stand with hemlock boughs or other suitable material, and remove said stand on or before August 31, 1895, and restore the grounds to their former condition.

Voted, that permission be given to the Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose, Mass., to erect an observation stand in Commonwealth avenue, between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets uniform in height with the De Molay stand in conformity with the regulations of the Inspector of Buildings, under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge of this department, and upon condition that said Commandery assumes all liability on account of the erection of said stand and agrees to protect the trees from injury, to screen the ends and rear of the stand with hemlock boughs or other suitable material, and remove said stand on or before August 31, 1895, and restore the grounds to their former condition.

Voted, that the Joseph Warren Commandery of Knights Templars be permitted to parade in Franklin Field on August 17th, 21st, and 24th, from 3 to 6 P.M.

A request of the Jamaica Cycle Club for a permit to hold a tournament and to pass through certain of the parkways August 31st, also a communication from L. Edwin Dudley inquiring as to the position of Charles Vaughan on the park police, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A report from the Board of Police showing attendance and number of arrests at Charlesbank, was received and placed on file.

Voted, that the bills for betterment assessments on lots numbered 43 and 78 on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, amounting to fourteen thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars, and assessed to F. V. Balch et. al. trustees of estate of Abijah Seaverns, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessments having been assumed by the City under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Mr. Job Dobson, occupant of the Morse House under Mr. Nichols, came before the Board and asked that he might be allowed to remain until the final disposition of the house. The Board agreed to give him further notice and subsequently notified Mr. G.N. Prouty that it was the intention of the Board to remove the house and that his application for leave to occupy the house was refused.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, August 19. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker being absent from the City.

Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J.C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. G. D. Braman came before the Board with reference to his communication of August 8th. requesting that the sharp turn into the narrow roadway on the south side Lot 18 of the Fenway be made more gradual.

The Board took the matter under consideration and subsequently it was

Voted, that the plan of proposed revision of side road

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between Boylston Street and Westland Avenue submitted by Mr. Olmsted this day, be approved and the change made provided the Fenway Land Company bear one half of the expense of changing the road in accordance with said plan.

Mr. W. V. Hutchins came before the Board with reference to the tenure of his occupancy of the wharf on the Yankey estate for the purpose of hauling out and repairing boats. The Commissioners stated that the construction of the Strandway could make it necessary for him to vacate the premises about October 1st.

Mr. Reed from the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings came before the Board with reference to sundry matters connected with the completion of the buildings at Charlesbank and Marine Park.

Mr. Howe reported that it is impracticable to build a fence on the line between the Catholic Cemetery and Franklin Field while the stone wall remains as the barrier between the two properties, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association that the Board is ready to erect the fence as soon as the Cemetery Association removes the wall and prepares the land so that the fence can be erected.

A communication from the Board of Health regarding the nuisance existing at the junction of the Charles River embankment and West Boston bridge by accumulations of filth and sewerage from the gymnasium buildings at Charlesbank, and requesting relief from these conditions was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the sewerage from the Charlesbank buildings does not now empty on the flats.

Executive Circular No. 9. giving notice of a general holiday August 27th. was received and laid over.

Voted, that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be permitted to form a procession and parade on Commonwealth Avenue on Tuesday, August 27. 1895, and that the southerly side of said avenue, from Exeter Street

to Arlington street be closed against the passage of vehicles, except United States mail wagons, during the said time in said grounds.

Voted, that the Joseph Warren Commandery of Knights Templars be permitted to parade on the Playstead, Franklin Park, on Wednesday evening, August 21st. from 7.30 to 9.30 P.M.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relating to the erection of an observation stand on Commonwealth avenue, for use of the City Government, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Messenger requesting that some of the limbs of the trees on Commonwealth avenue over the observation stand for the City Government, be tied up was received and referred to Mr. Howe with authority to do the work.

Communications from James M. Codman Jr., regarding betterment assessment and restrictions upon estate of Henrietta S. Sargent heirs; from the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association regarding the matron employed at Charlestown Heights Playground; from Bacon & Varbill regarding the hiring of baby carriages for hire in connection with the carriage service; and from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relating to the plumbing at the Gymnasium Building Charlesbank, were received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven recommending the substitution of two chimney tops in brick for fireplace at Pine Bank House at an additional expense of thirty dollars, was received and the recommendation approved.

On the request of E. S. Boland M. D. that the pier at South Boston Point be open to the public, the Secretary was directed to write to Storey and Cutler to see if the pier cannot now be opened without prejudice to either party under the contract.

A request of Master John McCann for permission to sell lemonade on the ball field at Franklin Park, was

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received and permission refused.

On request of M. Cohn for permission to fish in Jamaica Pond it was

Voted, that fishing from boats with hook and line be permitted in Jamaica Pond.

A request of George N. Prouty for permission to erect a small building at the boat landing, Jamaica Pond for the sale of refreshments &c: also for sharpening and caring for skates during the winter was received and permission refused.

A request of Schlegel & Fottler for use of electrotypes of a view in Franklin Park for cover of annual catalogue, was received and the Secretary was authorized to grant the use of the cut as desired.

The Secretary was directed to call the attention of the Board of Police to a report that a body of Knights Templars passed through Franklin Park in marching away on Saturday last and inquire what ground the officers had for not enforcing the ordinances which prohibit moving in processions without special permission from the Board.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow half pay to Bernard Rourke during the time he has been incapacitated from work owing to an injury received in the discharge of his duty.

A communication from the Street Commissioners requesting approval of the plan and manner of widening Blue Hill avenue upon Franklin Park, was received and laid over pending the preparation of revised specifications by the Landscape Architects.

Voted, that the Board of Police be permitted to drill a body of mounted police at sundry times until October 15th, on such part of Franklin Field as may be designated by the Engineer in Charge.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 26, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Genl. Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from the Board of Election Commissioners asking permission to erect voting booths on Charlesbank, Charlestown Heights and Commonwealth avenue were received and it was

Voted, that the requests be granted, the location of the booths to be satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge.

Bids for the removal of the Boston Yacht Club buildings to the new location were received and the Secretary was directed to ask Commodore Watson to obtain bids for the other work required to be done.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings stating that he had accepted that portion of Gerry & Northup's contract on the Head House over which pedestrians will pass in the use of the pier, was received and placed on file and the Engineer in Charge was directed to erect temporary railings where required.

Voted, that Wheelwright & Haven be authorized to employ Stone & Webster for superintending electrical work at Pine Bank House.

The application of Gilman Raymond for permission to sell hot lunches at Jamaica Pond during the skating season, and to maintain a temporary structure for that purpose, also for exclusive privilege to sell, let and grind skates and sell skate straps, was received and laid on the table.

Voted, that the request of Mrs. J. Morgan for permission to gather reeds from plants at the Fens be granted under the direction of the gardener.

The Board conferred with R. T. Wheeler, Superintendent of Streets, regarding the specifications for widening Blue

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Hill avenue on Franklin Park proposed by the Landscape Architects. Mr. Nieder expressed himself as satisfied with the proposed specifications, except as to finishing the grade of the embankment where cutting down or filling was required to be done on the park which he did not think he was justified in agreeing to do to the extent shown on the plans, but he would conform to them so far as he was able to do any of this work.

The request of the Board of Street Commissioners for approval of the manner of widening Blue Hill avenue on Franklin Park, received at the last meeting; was then taken up and it was

Voted, that the Board approves the laying out of Blue Hill avenue over a part of Franklin Park in accordance with plans of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, marked Franklin Park (351) and dated 27th. July 1895, and Franklin Park (353) dated 2d. August, 1895 and the specifications accompanying said plans.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan for widening Blue Hill avenue on Franklin Field including the grading of the slopes adjoining the avenue, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to bring to the attention of the Board of Street Commissioners with the recommendations of the Landscape Architects.

The Board considered the Mayor's circular suspending the ordinary business of the departments and declaring a general holiday August 27th. in honor of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templars of the United States of America and it was

Voted, that all employees of this department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday on Tuesday, August 27th, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

Voted, that the Water Commissioner be requested to place a stand pipe for street watering purposes in the Parkway between Longwood avenue and

Bellevue street, in such location as the Engineer in Charge may select.

Mr. E. H. Reed submitted a plan by Stone & Webster for electrical equipment at the Head House. Mr. Webster was also present to explain the plan, and Mr. Reed was authorized to procure bids through Stone & Webster for doing the work.

Voted, that the rules heretofore adopted for the use and government of the public parks be rescinded. Provided, however, that the rescinding of said rules shall not invalidate any pending prosecutions or procedure, or any liability of any person for breach of any previous rule.

Voted, that the following rules, under their respective headings be adopted for the use and government of the public parks:

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of streets selected and taken under Chapter 300 of the Acts of 1893, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Commonwealth avenue from Arlington Street to Beacon Street, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any monument, tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To walk on the turf; to throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to play ball or other games or sports; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries.

3. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, except for the purpose of delivering merchandise or other articles at the front entrances of houses on said Avenue.

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4. To drive or ride a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

5. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said city, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within The Fens and Riverway, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof, except on the drives or boundary walks.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe, skate or fish; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or

stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when on the drives, rides and boundary walks, or elsewhere when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other vehicles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

8. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of ~~the~~ Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

9. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

10. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

11. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

12. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Leverett Park and Jamaica Park, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile or ill use

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any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof, except on the drives or boundary walks.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe; to fish except with hook and line from boats; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when on the drives, rides and boundary walks, or elsewhere when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

8. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm

bell attached.

9. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

10. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

11. To meet in military or civic processions, drills or processions.

12. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalities, hereby ordains that within the Arborway and West Roxbury Parkway, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof, except on the boundary drives or boundary walks.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations,

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harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe; to fish, except with hook and line from boats; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when on the drives, rides and boundary walks, or elsewhere when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

8. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

9. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

10. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

11. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

12. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City,

and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Franklin Park and Arnold Arboretum, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposite or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe or fish; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandize or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

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7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

8. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

9. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

10. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

11. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

12. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Dorchester Park, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said City.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof

3. To throw stones or other missiles: to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or

advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language; or to do any obscene or indecent act; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure drives when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

8. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

9. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

10. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

11. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

12. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

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The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Marine Park, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages: to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To bathe elsewhere than in the places set apart for the purpose; to fish except with hook and line from boats, and except from the north wharf on Castle Island.

5. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain, not more than six feet long.

6. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

7. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

8. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

9. To ride a cycle elsewhere than on the drives, or at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

10. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

11. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

12. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

13. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within Wood Island Park except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said city.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute

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circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To bath elsewhere than in the places set apart for the purpose; to fish except with hook and line from boats.

5. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to those used for pleasure travel when on the ways or places provided and open for the purpose, or to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

6. To drive any wagon, cart, dray, truck, or other vehicle for carrying merchandise or other articles, or any hearse or funeral procession.

7. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.

8. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.

9. To ride a cycle at a rate faster than eight miles an hour, or contrary to the Law of the Road, or without a suitable alarm bell attached.

10. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.

11. To walk in the shrubberies, or on the drives and rides or on the turf bordering the same, except at the proper crossing places.

12. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

13. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within the limits of Charlesbank, Charlestown Heights, and Charlestown Playground, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said City.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones or other missiles; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe or fish; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

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4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

6. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

7. To walk on any part of the Park lands except the prepared walks and playgrounds.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within the limits of Franklin Field, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant, or turf, or any other thing or property of said City.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush, or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones or other missils; to distribute circulars, or deposit or scatter any paper or other refuse material; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes, or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags, or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance, or to have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane,

threatening, abusive, or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park lands, provided that this shall not apply to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

6. To play ball or other games or sports, except on grounds provided therefor.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.

Voted, that the regulations for the Women's gymnasium and Children's playground at Charlesbank, adopted May 22, 1891, be amended by omitting rule two and that said regulations as amended be applied to all women's gymnasiums established by the Board.

Voted, that the regulations adopted for the Men's gymnasium at Charlesbank, be amended by substituting the word "men's" for the word "Charlesbank" in the enacting clause, and that said regulations as amended, be applied to all men's gymnasiums established by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August, 29. 1895.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at one P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Gen. Walker being absent from the city. Also present Mr. E. H. Howe.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets requesting permission to construct

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a sewer in the planting space of the parkway, between Pond and Perkins street, West Roxbury, in accordance with plans accompanying the same, dated June, 1895, and it was

Voted, that the sewer locations shown on the plans, numbered respectively 11-N-165-B. and 11-N.-165-C, submitted this day by the Superintendent of Streets be approved, and that the Secretary issue a permit to the Street Department to construct sewers in accordance with said plans.

Voted, that the Water Commissioner be requested to lay a water pipe in the excavation made therefor in Franklin Park, for conveying water from Jamaica Pond to the reservoir in Franklin Park.

Voted, that the Water Commissioner be requested to erect a drinking fountain at Wood Island Park in such position as the Engineer in Charge may select.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to petition the Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to fill at Marine Park and on the Strandway in accordance with plans prepared by the City Engineer.

Geo. A. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, September 9. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting and special meeting of August 29th were read and approved.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects, on the proposition of the Street Commissioners for the widening of Alford street, and it was

Voted, that the Street Commissioners and Superintend-

out of Streets be informed that the Board will consent to the widening of Alford Street to 67½ feet on Charlestown Playground and provide a parallel walk within the park grounds.

A report from the Landscape Architects on proposed change of bulkhead line north of Charlestown Heights, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify the George H. Woods Co. that the Board declines to join in the petition for a change in the bulkhead line for the reasons set forth in Messrs Olmsted's report.

A request of William E. James for abatement of betterment assessment, was received and laid on the table.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. J. P. Kendall that the Board will change the curb-stone on Commonwealth avenue on the south side beyond Massachusetts avenue, in accordance with the plan of the Landscape Architects, if he or those owning the property affected will pay the expenses of doing said work.

On the request of John P. Loring that the First Regiment of Mass. Patriarchs Militant I.O.O.F. be permitted to parade and drill at or in the vicinity of Franklin Park, it was

Voted, that the First Regiment of Mass. Patriarchs Militant I.O.O.F., be permitted to use such parts of Franklin Field for a parade, drill etc., on its Fall Field Day, as the Engineer in Charge may designate.

Mr. Ingersoll came before the Board to report that the Fitchburg stone was satisfactory and that he had concluded to accept it. He also asked leave to use the park lands on both sides of the track at Forest Hills, in cutting stone for the arches. It was thereupon

Voted, that the use of so much of the Bradstreet lots on both sides of the railroad as may be necessary, be accorded the New York, New

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Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, during the construction of the railroad bridge.

Mr. Howe was also authorized to give the Railroad Company the use of the steam road roller provided the Company pays bills to the amount of the usual rental.

Hon. M. J. Mc. Ettrick, came before the Board to urge that Daniel J. Mc. Carthy be reemployed on account of the fact of the loss of an eye in the service of the Park Department. Mr. Mc. Ettrick stated that it was a hard case as the man's wife and two children are dying of consumption and are lacking the necessities of life. He was suspended for lack of work, although some stone cutters are yet employed. Mr. Mc. Ettrick said that he hoped the Board would make an exception in his case owing to the exceptional circumstances.

Voted, that the Chairman be requested to confer with the Mayor regarding the plans for widening Blue Hill avenue.

Mr. Reed from the Architect's division of the Public Buildings Department, came before the Board with reference to the clock and other matters at Marine Park Head House. Mr. R. B. Carr, General Manager of the E. Howard Watch & Clock Co. who was also present submitted a verbal proposition to include two dials of the pattern recommended by Mr. Wheelwright for the sum of two hundred and forty dollars additional to its bid of July 18th. Mr. Carr was asked to submit an amended bid to include also such carpenter and other work as may be required in and about the building to prepare it to receive the clock and its parts, and the Chairman was authorized to accept the contract as amended if satisfactory to him. Mr. Reed was also authorized to notify the contractors to put in stop cocks on the water supply at an extra expense of fifty dollars.

Mr. Howe stated that the Edison Electric Light Company had agreed to put in the conduit and

wires for electric lighting at the Men's gymnasium, Charlesbank, free of charge to the department, if the department would make a three year's contract to take lighting for said building from this company exclusively. The offer was accepted and the Chairman was authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 30, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.
Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe.
The records of the last meeting were read & approved.

Mr. J. T. Wheelwright, representing several owners of land fronting on the West Roxbury Parkway, conferred with the Board regarding the securing of entrance thereto under restrictions, and at the suggestion of the Board Mr. Wheelwright agreed to submit a scheme of restrictions at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Bartlett asked for instructions in regard to the contracts for plumbing, heating and electric lighting at the Refectory, Franklin Park, and he was authorized to procure bids for the heating apparatus without advertising, the estimated amount of the contract being less than two thousand dollars.

Mr. E. L. Reed came before the Board and submitted a communication from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, suggesting that it be left optional with them to use copper for the hands instead of iron, and if made of iron that the hands and some portions of the dials be made lighter than shown on the detailed drawings.

It was thereupon
Voted, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings

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be authorized to consent to a reduction from 1 inch to 5/8 inch in the thickness of the hands and certain parts of the clock dials for the Head House, Marine Park, and to the making of the hands of copper if that seems to be the better material.

Mr. Reed also conferred with the Board regarding extra leaded sashes for the Head House, and the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. E. S. Webster came before the Board and submitted bids for electrical plant at the Head House, and the Chairman was authorized to request the Mayor's consent to the letting of the contract without advertising.

At the request of Luther M. Merrill, the Engineer in Charge was authorized to lay a cross-walk on Commonwealth avenue, from the east side of the junction of Commonwealth avenue and Kenwood street, to Beacon street.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. George H. Williams that the Board sees no objection to his grading and fencing his estate on Beaver street, and that he would better confer with the Street Commissioners regarding that part of the street that has been discontinued.

The following order was received and referred to the Chairman to make arrangements.

"In Common Council, Sept. 19. 1895.

"Ordered, that the Board of Park Commissioners be "respectfully requested to allow the officers and mem-"bers of the Common Council an opportunity, at an "early date, to examine the park system of the City of "Boston, provided it is convenient and agreeable to "said Board to extend this courtesy."

Voted, that the request of Thomas Meehan for copies of plates used as illustrations in the last annual report, at his expense be granted.

An order of the City Council in regard to the advisability of placing a covering over the bridge leading

from Marine Park to Castle Island was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for report.

The Chairman stated that he had accepted the estimate from Lynch & Woodward for extending galvanized iron pipe for sea water supply at the Head House Marine Park, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman's action be approved.

A communication from Frederic Tudor regarding proposed changes in laundry machinery at Head House, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

A communication from the War Department inclosing an instrument granting permission to excavate and fill in Boston harbor for the park at the North End, was received and placed on file, and the Engineer in Charge was authorized to prepare specifications for the work and advertise for bids.

Mr. Howe stated that the sub-contractor for dredging at Marine Park offered to complete the channel to Castle Island wharf, requiring about twenty five hundred cubic yards of excavation, for twenty cents per cubic yard, and to deposit the material alongside the bridge. Mr. Hodges having to leave, consideration of the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow pay for time of James Mc. Nulty while attending the late Grand Army Convention at Louisville.

Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald came before the Board with reference to the construction of the park at the North End as authorized by the Secretary of War. Mr. Fitzgerald asked that the Board in making contracts for the work, insert a provision that only American citizens be employed.

A communication from F. M. Stone, Secretary of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary

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regarding the nuisance at the West Boston bridge, refered by the Mayor to this Board, was received and a reply authorized to be made. (see Letter Book 6. p. 39.)

An agreement of the Fenway Land Company to pay one-half the expense of the change in sidewalk and roadway on the Fenway, was recived and placed on file.

A communication from James L. McLucas relating to bids for lease of cafes and bathing establishments at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply. (See Letter Book 6 p. 40)

A request of Ellen Garde for a permit to maintain a booth for sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to ascertain if some service for the department can be performed in consideration for the privilege.

On the recommendation of Mr. Howe, the Secretary was directed to request the Superintendent of Streets to extend the sewer in Jamaicaway from Willow Pond Road to Perkins street, and to say that the department will pay the extra expense of changing the grade to provide drainage for Pine Bank House.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 7, 1895

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Codman and Pratt, General Walker having given notice that he could not be present. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Landscape Architects on the order of the City Council in regard to the advisability of placing a covering over the bridge leading to Castle Island, was received and placed on file, and the Chairman was authorized to report to the

City Council the views of the Board regarding the proposition.

A communication was received from the Acting Superintendent of Streets requesting permission to temporarily stack loam on Franklin Park adjacent to sections to be graded on Blue Hill avenue, and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to store loam at Franklin Park during the construction of Blue Hill avenue, in such places as the Engineer in Charge may direct.

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells suggesting that the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association be permitted to hold winter classes at the Women's Division, Charlesbank, and that an appropriation be made for expense of instructor and attendant, was received, and the Secretary was directed to ask Mrs Wells to formulate her plan in detail and report the expense thereof and the proposed manner of heating the building.

A communication from C. E. Jackson requesting the privilege of laying a water pipe temporarily within the park lines from Beach street to his land adjoining the Dedham branch railroad, was received and the Secretary was authorized to grant a permit for said purpose, the pipe to be removed on notice from this Board.

An application of George N. Prouty for exclusive privilege of selling coffee, temperance drinks and sandwiches, and sharpening skates, at Jamaica Pond, was received and a similar application from Gilman J. Raymond was taken from the table. Both propositions were declined, and it was

Voted, that William E. Sheldon be permitted to sell refreshments, also to sell skates, skate straps and to sharpen skates for this season at the

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boat landing at Jamaica Pond, subject to the direction of the Board.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to make arrangements with the sub-contractor for dredging at Marine Park, to complete the channel to Castle Island wharf for twenty cents per cubic yard of excavation, and to deposit the material alongside the bridge.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to contract for the brick work required in the construction of the reservoir at Franklin Park.

A communication was received from Hon. Michael J. Mc. Ettrick regarding the case of Daniel J. McCarthy, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the exigencies of the work necessitated his suspension with others; and that the Board regrets that it cannot now give employment to a man in such hard circumstances.

A petition was received from W. D. Ewing Captain Battery A. Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, to parade in Franklin Park or Franklin Field, and it was

Voted, that Battery A. Massachusetts Volunteer Militia be permitted to hold a parade and fire salutes, on Franklin Field, October 25th or 26th, on such grounds as the Engineer in Charge may deem available and practicable for the purpose.

Mr. Hartwell submitted the following bids for heating apparatus in refectory building, Franklin Park:

Ingalls & Kendricken,	$1890.	A. A. Sanborn	1895.
Lynch & Woodward.	1773.	A. P. Franklin.	1760.
Walker & Pratt Mnfg. Co.	1678.	and it was	

Voted, that the bid of Walker & Pratt Mnfg. Co. be accepted.

Mr. E. L. Reed came before the Board with reference to extra work at the Head House requiring the approval of the Board and it was

Voted, that the offer of Redding Baird & Co. of October 3 for additional leaded glass sashes amounting to two hundred and fifty eight $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars, and

Gerry and Northup's propositions to put in additional support for the water tanks and supply hinges for basement windows, be accepted, also that the propositions of the Poland Laundry and Machine Company to put in a Dolbeare patent floor and to change from vertically to horizontally moving horses in the dry room be accepted, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings give orders for said work.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 14. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A license from the Harbor and Land Commissioners to fill solid in Dorchester Bay in the construction of the Strandway, was received for record in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

A communication from Mrs. Wells regarding her plan for winter classes at the Women's Division, Charlesbank, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that, while the Board considers her suggestion a valuable one, the fact that the department is required, from lack of means to reduce some of its services this year in other directions leads the Board to postpone further consideration of the matter until next year.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department with accompanying plan showing a system of sewers which it is desired to construct in the parkway between Dorton street and Dorchester avenue, was received and it was

Voted, that the Street Department be authorized

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to construct sewers in Dorchesterway, as shown on a plan thereof dated October 10. 1895, and numbered 6-C-173.

Voted, that the Secretary request the Superintendent of Streets to permit the connection of two catch basins with the proposed sewer in Dorchesterway.

A communication from Edward Thompson relating to the setting out of trees on Fremont entrance was received and refered to the Landscape Architects.

An application of Ernest F. Stevens for permission to sell and let skates and straps at Jamaica Pond was received and permission refused.

A communication from William C. Rowe relating to his application for a position in the bath houses at Marine Park was received and placed on file.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to provide automatic registers for fifteen water carts at a cost of ten dollars each.

Voted, that Wheelwright & Haven be authorized to make a settlement with Lynch & Woodward under their contract for heating apparatus at Pine Bank House, upon the basis of their proposition of June 22, 1895, to repair damages and complete the work for the additional sum of four hundred dollars.

Whereas, the cost of raising the grade of the roadway of the Fens at the Beacon Entrance and Fen bridges, has been certified to the City Auditor as a charge against Maintenance, and

Whereas, said expenditure was occasioned by the settlement of the underlying foundation and is not an annual or occasional expense chargeable to Maintenance but is properly a part of construction, therefore

Voted, that the City Auditor be requested to charge off the expense of this work amounting in the aggregate to ten thousand, four hundred, eleven $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars to construction, thereby reducing the cost of Maintenance a like amount.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, October 21. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Hacker, Mr. Hall being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following bids for cribs and grading between Commercial street and the Harbor line for the Public Park North End were received and publicly opened and read:-

Thomas A. Rowe,	Boston.	$52.000
Metropolitan Construction Co.	"	49.000
Davern & Cronin,	"	46.050
Trumbull & Ryan,	"	41.752
R. D. Shanahan,	"	34.900

The bid of R. D. Shanahan was accepted.

Mr. Eliot reported that the trees for the Fremont Entrance could be set out this fall as Mr. Thompson requested, and he would so notify Mr. Fischer.

Voted, that Anthony Hankey be given permission to take the stone now under his building at City Point, for the foundation of the building when removed to its new location, and replace it with earth to be excavated for the foundations.

A communication from H. E. Sheldon requesting suitable accommodations for the selling of refreshments; the sharpening and letting of skates at Jamaica Pond was received and referred to the Secretary to inform Mr. Sheldon that he must provide the accommodations required.

A communication from F. A. Seaverns relating to the removal of two elm trees on Centre street was received and placed on file, no action by this department being necessary as said trees are in charge of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Estimates for piers for foundation of Boston Yacht Club, submitted by Commodore Stetson, were laid

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on the table pending the result of a conference between the Landscape Architects and a committee of said Club regarding the location of the club house.

A request of the Commonwealth Yacht Club for approval of sketches for its new club house was received, and Mr. Charles D. Maginnis submitted sketches at the request of the Club, which were approved as to the matter of design the question of location being referred to the Landscape Architects.

A request of Hart & Wilson for permission to run a boy's running race in Marine Park, November 2nd. was received and permission refused.

A conference was held with His Honor the Mayor regarding the admission of private streets and entrances into the parkways, and it was

Voted, that Castleton street as laid out through land of George Curtis, on a plan by Morton & Quimby, to connect with Jamaicaway, and approved by the Street Commissioners, be approved so far as to its entrance into said Jamaicaway, provided that the corners of said street with Jamaicaway be rounded with such radius as the Landscape Architects shall approve, also that the making of said entrance shall conform to plans and directions of the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that Battery A. Massachusetts Volunteer Militia be permitted to parade on Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Dartmouth streets, on its Fall Field Day.

A communication from John F. Low, Treasurer of the Low Art Tile Co. relating to designs for soda fountains was received and placed on file.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon relating to certain improvements in the boat service was received and referred to the Landscape Architects for consideration and report.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 4, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe, Eliot and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles E. Jackson held a conference with the Board relative to his obtaining settlements for land taken for West Roxbury Parkway, and compensation therefor. The Commissioners suggested that he put his proposition in writing to be considered at a future meeting.

Commodore Morrill of the South Boston Yacht Club, came before the Board and submitted a request in writing that the Board record and certify to the Club an expression of its intention to fill in the new location of the Yacht Club and allow time for building a new club house before disturbing the old location. The Commissioners stated that while they could not do that, it was the intention of the Board in making the improvements on the Strandway to protect the rights of the Yacht clubs and cause as little annoyance and loss of facilities as possible.

Mr. Howe submitted an estimate of the cost of connecting Castleton street with the parkway in accordance with the plan of the Landscape Architects and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Stone, engineer for George Curtis that the Board has considered Mr. Curtis' objection to the extra expense of connecting his private street with the Parkway in accordance with the plan of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, and his suggestion that the Board pay a part of the expense of said work, and that the Board sees no reason for changing its position with reference to the entrance of this street as expressed in the vote of the

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Board at its last meeting, which is that the lines of the street shall conform to Messrs Olmsted's plan, the work to be done at Mr. Curtis' expense under the supervision of the engineer of this department.

A communication from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells regarding the plan for winter classes at Charlesbank Women's Gymnasium was received and the Secretary was directed to state that the Board will appropriate one hundred dollars for expenses of janitor, heat and light and make the changes in the gas pipe required if that will enable the Association to carry out the plan.

A report of W. D. Ewing, Capt. Battery A. M. V. M. relating to the condition of the grounds at Franklin Field for their parade on October 25th, was received, read and placed on file.

A request of W. L. Miller for extension of time under his contract at Marine Park was received and it was Voted, that the time for the completion of the contract with William L. Miller for filling at Marine Park, dated July 27. 1894, be extended to December 1. 1895.

An application of W. E. Sheldon for the privilege of sharpening skates and sale of refreshments on all the parks, ales.

Application of John F. Bromfield for the privilege of selling refreshments and skate straps at Wood Island Park were received.

Mr. Howe reported that Ellen Gantz had made a proposition to wash all the towels used at Wood Island Park in payment for the refreshment privilege and the matter was laid on the table.

The question of retaining the services of Superintendent P. J. Finnican at Wood Island Park Gymnasium through the winter, was referred to the Chairman with full power. Subsequently the Chairman agreed to a proposition of P. J. Finnican to continue through the winter at fifty dollars per month with the right to sell refreshments

etc. at Wood Island Park.)

Voted, that Pierpont Edwards be permitted to use so much of the sidewalk of the Riverway as may be necessary in filling his land from the adjoining estate, said work to be done and any damage to be repaired in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer in Charge.

Mr. Hartwell submitted the following bids for electric lubing and wiring of the Refectory Building at Franklin Park:

Blodgett Bros. & Co.	$ 2975.00
Boston Electric Co.	2798.00
Seth W. Fuller,	2375.00
J. F. Bubert,	1775.00

and it was,

Voted, to award the contract to J. F. Bubert under a bond of six hundred dollars.

The Chairman was authorized to apply to the Mayor for authority to procure bids for the plumbing for Franklin Park refectory and making a contract for the same without advertising.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven regarding the range for Pine Bank House, also removal of woodbine on the south side of the building was referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Wheelwright.

A communication from the Harbor & Land Commissioners relating to the petition of the Board for a license to fill at Marine Park was received, and the matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel to prepare a petition to the Legislature and a bill to provide for completing Marine Park.

A communication from R. D. Shanahan stating that he had made an error in his figures for building walls and grading at the public park, North End, and declining the contract was received and it was

Voted, that R. D. Shanahan be permitted to withdraw his bid and that the contract be awarded to

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Trumbull and Ryan under a bond of twelve thousand dollars from the American Surety Company of New York for the faithful performance of the contract.

A communication from C. H. Woodsum suggesting the establishment of rules against bicycle coasting in the parks was received and laid on the table.

On the application of A. D. McClellan for information regarding amounts awarded and paid in settlement of several lots on Mt. Vernon street, the Secretary was directed to furnish the information if the City Solicitor saw no objection.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architects containing suggestions for the proper placing of buildings on and the general treatment of the Yacht Club piles at the Strandway which was read and placed on file.

The Landscape Architects also reported upon the question of proper boating facilities at the several parks as requested by Mr. Sheldon and referred to them. The report was read and placed on file and Mr. Olmsted was requested to submit sketches for suitable structures for storage of boats at Leverett and Jamaica Parks.

Voted, that the Water Commissioner be requested to place an additional hydrant at Charlesbank, in a position to be selected by the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the men in the employ of this department be allowed half holidays on the State and Municipal election days 1895 without loss of pay as part compensation for their services.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 11, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also

present Messrs Cox and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor agreeing to the method of obtaining proposals for plumbing in the Refectory building, Franklin Park, proposed by the Board, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from C. E. Jackson relating to his proposition to negotiate settlements for damages for lands taken in the vicinity of Centre and Weld streets for the West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from O. H. Brady, superintendent of the Boston Asylum and Farm School, Thompson's Island, requesting permission to place a pair of stairs at the small wharf in Pleasure Bay, Marine Park was received and it was,

Voted, to allow the Boston Asylum and Farm School to place a pair of stairs at the temporary landing in Pleasure Bay, Marine Park, the location and manner of placing said stairs to be indicated by the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to close all shelter buildings and dispense with the services of the matrons, November fifteenth.

Mr. Wall came before the Board with reference to his controversy with Mr. Howe over the payment for gravel delivered at Wood Island Park. Mr. Wall stated that his offer was to deliver the material at seventy five cents per load while the engineer understood it at seventy five cents per yard.

Mr. Howe stated that the offer was understood by him and his assistants to be seventy five cents per yard. That he had obtained the same kind of material from other parties after Mr. Wall stopped delivering at eighty five cents per yard. He knew that it would not pay Mr. Wall to deliver it at the price he was doing it for, and would have been willing to pay him more, but not the amount he claimed. After hearing Mr. Wall's statements the

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Councilman Baldwin came before the Board with reference to the case of C. J. Kelley injured on the parkway by falling from a team. The Commissioners said that they would look into the matter and directed the Engineer to make a report on the case.

City Solicitor Dabson came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the case of Caroline Jackson's Heirs for land taken for Franklin Field. Mr. Dabson stated that after much negotiation he had agreed to a settlement of this case for Fifty five thousand dollars which is on a basis of about four and one half cents per foot and interest from the time of taking. Mr. Dabson said that it would not be worth while to try the case especially after the draining and improvement of the meadow. It was thereupon

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to settle the case of Horace H. Baxter et. al. trustees of estate of Caroline Jackson, for land taken for Franklin Field, by accepting judgment in the sum of Fifty five thousand dollars without interest.

The Board conferred with Mr. Dabson regarding the offer of Mr. C. E. Jackson to negotiate settlements of certain land damage cases. Mr. Dabson stated that he saw no objection to the payment of a commission to a broker for a settlement of a case of land damages at a price fixed by the Board or satisfactory to it, if the settlement be brought about by him.

The Secretary was authorized to make an offer of settlement through L. L. P. Atwood of one and one half cents per foot in the case of Benjamin Goldsmith Heirs, for land taken for West Roxbury Parkway.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, November 18, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. L. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for the treatment of the Yacht Club sites on the Strandway. After discussion the plan was referred back to Mr. Olmsted for conference with the Committee of the Boston Yacht Club and final revision. Mr. Olmsted also submitted a plan for iron gates for Arnold Arboretum drawn by Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, and the plan was referred to the Engineer in Charge to secure proposals or estimates for erecting the same.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architects endorsing a report of Assistant Landscape Gardener Fiecher, recommending the removal of pines on the south side of Pine Bank House, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Wheelwright to order their removal.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the accident to Cornelius J. Kelley was received and the Secretary was directed to call Councilman Baldwin's attention to the report.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets calling attention to a plan for sewers to be constructed in Huntington avenue at its junction with the Parkway, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board authorizes the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge with regard particularly to the manner of connecting the sewer with conduit under the street.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relating to sundry matters at the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from G. H. Williams with reference to his securing a strip of land belonging to the City to provide frontage on Beaver street for several house lots in the rear belonging to him, was received and the Secretary was

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directed to confer with him with a view to ascertaining what inducement he will offer the Board to make application to the Legislature for the right to sell the land.

A communication from E. N. Atterson offering China geese for sale was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

Messrs Robert J. Miller, W. E. Harvey and Edward Gallagher, a committee of the Laurial avenue Improvement Club, came before the Board with reference to an alleged nuisance on the premises of R. E. Young at Franklin Field caused by his keeping forty head of cattle, horses and pigs in a barn on the park lands, the drainage from which flowed down a brook into the meadow causing the nuisance. The Commissioners directed the Engineer in Charge to look into the matter and make a report.

Commodore C. P. Morrill came before the Board and advocated the construction of the Yacht Club sites with a wall either at grade five or at mean low water, preferably the latter, and if a dock could be constructed on one side of the South Boston Yacht Club location it would be a special advantage to it. The Commissioners replied that a dock was inadmisable as it could add to the expense and be undesirable in other respects.

Mr. Howe submitted alternate estimates of cost of constructing the Strandway between Marine Park and O street with beach alone or a beach and wall at grade five.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y

Boston, November 25, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Mr. Walker being absent from the city. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and F. L. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a revised plan for yacht club sites on the Strandway which was laid over pending a reply from the Boston Yacht Club regarding

the proposed change in its location.

A report was made by Mr. Howe on methods for clearing ice and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase an ice planer.

On application of H. S. MacKay for a coal hole in Commonwealth avenue the Secretary was directed to issue a permit in accordance with the plan filed by him this day.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets inclosing a letter from Francis J. Amory requesting that repairs be made to a plank walk on Commonwealth avenue, was received and the Engineer in Charge was directed to make the necessary repairs.

A communication from William Minot giving notice of change of ownership of property corner Charlesgate East and Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

Voted to accept the bond of James Longley for the maintenance of the coal hole on said estate.

A communication from Trumbull & Ryan requesting the privilege of substituting hard pine 4" plank and 10 by 10 timber for spruce lumber for foundation of sea wall at the North End Park, was received and it was

Voted that the request be granted, the timber to be subject to the inspection and approval of the Engineer in Charge.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the complaint of the Tavern avenue Independent Club against Mr. R. E. Young for maintaining a nuisance at Franklin Field, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify the Club that after careful investigation and inquiry with reference to the alleged nuisance on the premises occupied by R. E. Young, the Board is satisfied that no grounds are found for the complaint that the nuisance existing in this neighborhood is due in any appreciable extent to this stable, but is

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satisfied that the nuisance arises chiefly from the cesspools and drains from the houses in the neighborhood.

The following proposals for plumbing at Franklin Park Refectory obtained by Hartwell, Richardson and Driver were received:

Isaac N. Tucker,	10.349.00	Henry Hussey & Co.	6.973.00
Jas. Tucker & Sons.	6. 875.00	Bosworth & French	6.649.00
Wm. Lumb & Co.	6. 531.00	Craig & Conley.	6.298.00

and it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Craig & Conley and the amount of bond be fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars.

A communication was received from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company requesting leave to lay a conduit, with the necessary manholes, for underground cables and wires, under the surface of the Parkway between Pond street, and Prince street, and it was

Voted, that permission be and is hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to construct and maintain under the surface of the Parkway between Pond street, and Prince street, underground conduits, manholes and house connections with the wires and cables to be placed therein as shown on the plan filed with the petition for this permit.

The above permit is granted subject to the following provisions and regulations:

Said Company shall furnish in its said conduits accommodations for all wires belonging to or to be used by the city, free of charge, whenever requested to do so by the Mayor; shall remove the location of the conduits and wires whenever directed and not until directed so to do by the Board of Park Commissioners and shall not disturb or interfere with any wires, pipes or sewers lawfully laid in such parkway or connected therewith.

All work under this permit shall be done to the

satisfaction of this Board.

No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 2, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker & Pratt. Also present, Messrs Eliot and Howe.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Howe reported that he had stopped the work on Lochstead street at Jamaicaway as it was being constructed without a curb, although Mr. Curtis had stated that he intended putting it in later. Mr. Howe was thereupon directed to allow the work to proceed upon Mr. Curtis declaring said intention in writing.

The Engineer in Charge was also directed to notify contractors Trumbull & Ryan verbally that the Board has no objection to the erection of a temporary stable on the grounds of the park at the North End.

A communication from the Street Department relating to the construction of sewers in Huntington avenue was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings dated November 30th stating that the contract for Head House, Marine Park, is completed and ready for acceptance was received and it was

Voted, to concur in the acceptance of the contract for the Head House, Marine Park, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

December 2. 1895. A communication from R. J. Miller, Secretary of the Tunical Avenue Independent Club, requesting further investigation of the nuisance said to exist on Franklin Field, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to further investigate the matter.

A communication from Hartwell, Richardson and Driver relating to the standing of Craig and Conley the lowest bidder for the plumbing at Franklin Park refectory was received. Mr. Hartwell also came before the Board with reference to the financial responsibility of the contractors, and the matter was left in his hands for further inquiry and to report to the Chairman before the execution of the contract.

A communication was received from William L. Miller, contractor for filling at Marine Park, asking the Board to authorize payment for all gravel furnished and placed above grade within the boundaries of the fill.
Mr. Miller and J. H. Gerrish, manager for the Eastern Dredging Company, came before the Board in support of the petition and explained the reasons for the claim substantially as set forth in the letter. Mr. Miller stated that the excess of filling which he asked to be paid for was about eight thousand cubic yards. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration and referred it to the Engineer in Charge for examination and report.

Alderman Bryant and Frederick Pleiler came before the Board to ask further consideration of the matter of a local park and playground on Day Street and Grotto Glen, upon which a report to the Board of Aldermen had been made by the Board early in the year.
The Commissioners replied that they would look the matter over again if the plans were returned to them.

It was voted to request the City Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of two hundred and eight thousand dollars to pay for lands taken for the public park at the North End.

Voted, That the Engineer in Charge be authorized to put in a double range at the house occupied by the Assistant Landscape Gardener.

A request of F. B. Carpenter for approval of plan of walk for entrance to his house on Commonwealth avenue was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Dabson had agreed to a settlement with A. D. McClellan, subject to the approval of the Board, in the case of Sarah A. Nixon for damages for the taking of land for Dorchesterway, for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, which is at the rate of about six cents per foot and interest. It was thereupon,

Voted, that whereas by an Act of this Board passed April 29, 1892, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston by taking in fee certain parcels of land at or near Five Corners, so called, in Dorchester, belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a certain parcel of land on Mt. Vernon street belonged to Sarah A. Nixon as appears by said Act, there be awarded and paid to Sarah A. Nixon the sum of fourteen hundred dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, December 9, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt,
Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a report on the questions

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referred to the Landscape Architects concerning the sidewalks and tree spaces on Commonwealth avenue between Charlesgate West and Beacon street, which was read and placed on file.

A request of the Board of Street Commissioners for approval of the widening of Canterbury and Morton streets to one hundred feet, in accordance with plans submitted to the Board of Survey, was received and the Chairman was authorized to reply that the plans referred to were based on the assumption that the adjoining property would be largely used for dwelling house purposes, but as it has transpired that the Forest Hills Cemetery and the City, for its public institutions, are acquiring all the lands on the further side of Morton street, the Board has reconsidered the question of the proposed widening, and has grave doubts whether it would be wise to carry out the plan particularly at such a scale as was contemplated.

The Board is, therefore, of opinion that the filing of the plans of this section should be made on essentially the present lines of the streets, with only such minimum widening as may seem necessary to the Board of Street Commissioners after consultation with the Landscape Architects of this Board, leaving the question of any further enlargement to the future.

A request of the Boston Electric Light Company for permission to lay a conduit through Marine Park to the Government range lights, in accordance with a plan filed with its petition, was received and it was

Voted, that permission be and is hereby granted to the Boston Electric Light Company, to construct and maintain under the surface of Marine Park, underground conduits, manholes and connections with the wires and cables to be placed therein as shown on the plan filed with the petition for this permit.

The above permit is granted subject to the following provisions and regulations:

Said Company shall furnish in its said conduits accommodations for all wires belonging to or to be used by

the City, free of charge, whenever requested to do so by the Mayor; shall remove the location of the conduits and wires whenever directed and not until directed so to do by the Board of Park Commissioners and shall not disturb or interfere with any wires, pipes or sewers lawfully laid in such park or connected therewith.

All work under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of this Board.

No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

Mr. E. L. Reed came before the Board with reference to the acceptance of the clock at the Read House, Marine Park, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final payment under the contract and request Mr. Wheelwright to give his opinion of what ought to be done with the dials and hands to make the clock legible.

Voted, that Messrs Joseph A. Hendrie and Brother be permitted to sell refreshments, skates, skate straps and to let skates at Franklin Field for this season, subject to the direction of the Board.

Voted, that the Fourth Annual Report of the Board be reprinted to the extent of one hundred copies.

A protest of the Boston Journeymen Plumbers Union against the letting of contracts to Hussey and Company, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston December 16. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, and Pratt, Mr. Walker being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Eliot and Howe.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Eliot submitted a request of the Landscape Architects for a topographical survey of the land between the West Roxbury Parkway and the Brookline town line on the Weld farm, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the town's engineer with a view to having the town furnish the survey desired.

S. A. Howe submitted a statement of the cost of alterations in the side road on the Fenway, near Boylston entrance, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the same to the Trustees of the Fenway Land Company, with the request that they pay bills to the amount of one half of the expence of the change in accordance with their agreement of August 30, 1895.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright relating to laundry floors and mantles at Pine Bank House was received. Mr. Wheelwright also came before the Board and subsequently it was

Voted, to approve of the extra for wooden floors in laundry and the use of Vermont marble for the mantles.

A request of the City Treasurer that pay rolls be sent in on December 19th. was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge to comply with the Treasurer's request.

Executive circular No. 9, requesting the submission of estimates of receipts and expenditures for the coming fiscal year on or before December 26 also Executive circular No. 10, with reference to the preparation of facts or figures desired by Mr. Quincy to aid him in preparing for official duties, were received, read and placed on file.

A request of W. E. Sheldon for employment for J. F. De Leon in sharpening skates was received and it was

Voted, that J. F. De Leon be permitted to sell skates, skate straps and to sharpen skates at Charlesbank, under

the direction of the Superintendent, provided Mr. Sheldon will give him the use of the boatman's room. The question of the insurance on the Head House, at Marine Park, was considered and referred to the Chairman with full power.

The request of Frank Stith of 310 Commonwealth avenue, to be permitted to take a grape vine at Charlestown Playground was granted, under the direction of the Engineer in Charge.

Mr. Grenville D. Braman came before the Board for a preliminary hearing on the question of extending the street railway tracks through the Back Bay Fens. Mr. Braman said that the development of the land west of the Fens required the extension of the tracks, as soon as the streets now being built could be made ready for them. The West End Company had agreed to do this if a way through the Fens was provided. Mr. Braman asked the Board to determine the question of providing such a way either on the purface of Boylston Road, which he prefered, or by the route proposed in the plan of August 1894. Action on the matter of the request was deferred.

Mr. Frederick Kerthel jr. representing the Arboretum Land Company, came before the Board with reference to obtaining the right of footage and entrance upon the Arboretum of the lands belonging to the Company, also the entrance into the purchase of a private street to be called Hampstead Road. Mr. Kerthel submitted a plan of the land in lots, and said that the Trustees would sign an agreement subjecting the land to the usual restrictions. He said that the Board should contribute something towards the cost of a wall which will have to be built along a part of the estate owing to the cutting down of the land in the construction of the parkway. The Commissioners said that they would have a proper agreement drawn up by the Law Department and pending its execution the grading work of the Company on park territory would

not be interfered with.

The Secretary submitted a statement of the financial condition of the Department to December 15th and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge stop all construction, as soon as it can be conveniently done, except the work on the inside of the reservoir at Franklin Park, and the laying of walls by the stone mason's gang.

Voted, that the Boston Herald be permitted to take copies of half tone plates belonging to the Department, for use in the publication of a History of Boston.

Mr. Eliot submitted a diagram showing proposed change in boundary of Dorchester Park on land of the Convalescent's Home of the City Hospital, and the matter was laid over pending a proposed conference with Dr. Rowe and the Trustees of the City Hospital.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, December 23. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Rowe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the City Engineer of the amount of filling done in excess of contract by William L. Miller, was received and it was Voted - that the sum of $2000 be allowed and paid to Wm. L. Miller in full settlement of his claim for extra material delivered in excess of the amount called for under his contract of July 27, 1894.

An order prepared by the City Engineer, providing for alterations in the foundations of walls under Trumbull and Ryan's contract at North End Park, was approved by the Board.

A request of the Superintendent of Streets for permission to lay a temporary sewer outlet through Franklin Field, was received and it was

Voted, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized

to lay a temporary power outlet through Franklin Field, substantially as shown on a plan thereof filed in this department, subject, however, to the direction of the Engineer in Charge as to the particular location and manner of constructing said power outlet and the disposition of the surplus material to be excavated therefor.

A request of the Franklin Cricket Club for the use of a part of Franklin Field for the purpose of playing cricket and tennis, was received and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the club regarding the particular location desired.

A communication from Prof. C. S. Sargent requesting that skating be prohibited on the Arboretum ponds, on account of damage to shrubbery, was received and it was

Voted, that the rules adopted for the use and government of Arnold Arboretum be amended in Clause three, by inserting after the word "bathe" the word "skate".

The Board conferred with Mayor elect Josiah Quincy relative to certain matters in connection with the preparation of his inagural address.

Mr. Howe submitted estimates of expenditures necessary for maintaining the parks under his care for the fiscal year 1896-1897, which, with the addition of $8,500. for office expenses, were approved and transmitted to the City Auditor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 30. 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs. Hodges, Walker, and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J.C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Alexis H. French stating that the town of Brookline will make a topographical survey of the land between the Brookline boundary and the

West Roxbury parkway was received read and placed on file.

Orders of the City Council requesting that Charlestown and Wood Island Park Gymnasiums be flooded for skating were received read and placed on file.

A communication was sent to Alderman Bryant Chairman of Committee on Streets objecting to the erection of a stable to be used by a contractor on the border of Franklin Field.

A communication from Commodore Stetson for a Committee of the Boston Yacht Club relating to the proposed change in location of said Club on the Strandway was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

On the application of Samuel H. Devlin Secretary of the Boston Cricket Club for permission to use grounds at Franklin Field for cricket as formerly it was

Voted, that the permission heretofore granted the Boston Cricket Club to use grounds at Franklin Field for playing cricket, be extended for the season of 1896.

A communication from W. H. Bolger Secretary of the Franklin Cricket Club regarding its application for a location for cricket and tennis at Franklin Field was received and it was

Voted, that the request of the Franklin Cricket Club for permission to play cricket and tennis on Franklin Field be granted, for the season of 1896, at a place to be selected in consultation with the Engineer in Charge, it being understood that such use of the grounds shall not be exclusive.

Voted, that the Secretary issue to Charles E. Chester, sexton of Trinity Church, a general permit for the year 1896 to erect temporary awnings on Commonwealth avenue under the usual conditions, and the further condition that he report immediately to the Board on each occasion of its use.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, January 6. 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E.W. Howe and J.C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to cause the marsh lands bounded by Dorchester avenue, Locust street, Mt. Washington avenue and Kemp street, to be flooded, so that the same may be used for skating during the present winter, was received and a reply made: (see letter book 6. page 144)

Voted, that the Secretary issue emergency permits for the year 1896 to the Gas and Electric Light Companies having mains in Commonwealth avenue, on the terms specified in said permits for 1895.

A communication was received from William E. Sheldon enclosing copy of agreement with Robert Coulsey, whereby the privilege of letting and sharpening skates at Jamaica Pond is given to him in consideration of the payment of twenty five dollars, together with proposed schedule of prices, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sheldon that the Board does not approve of his arrangement with Mr. Coulsey, but will approve an arrangement providing for a reduction in the prices for sharpening and letting skates instead of the payment of any thing for the privilege.

A suggestion of the Chairman that the Engineer in Charge try the experiment of keeping the bathing arrangements at Charlesbank, open to the public during the winter months was referred to the Chairman with full power.

A conference was held with the Corporation Counsel regarding the new form for park rules proposed by him, and proposed legislation for the fixing of the penalty for breaches of said rules by the courts having jurisdiction of such cases, also regarding proposed legislation for appointment of

Department Police by the Board of Police, also concerning the application of the law for the construction of sidewalks to Commonwealth avenue, and the making of rules for the construction of sidewalks on the parkway, also regarding the necessity for the formal approval of the Board to the relocation of Beaver street by the Board of Street Commissioners, and the proposed petition to the Legislature for the authority to sell the remaining lands outside of the line of the street as relocated, also regarding a proposal that the Act to authorize the establishment of a building line on public ways be amended so that the provisions of said statute shall apply to parkways.

Mr. Bailey said that he regarded the sidewalk law as still applicable to Commonwealth avenue, but that the Board was free to make any rules it saw fit regarding sidewalks on the Parkway, also that the city was pledged to carry out the agreement with the abutters regarding the relocation of Beaver Street. He also agreed to draw up petitions to the Legislature covering the other matters and send them to the Board. Subsequently the following action was taken,

Whereas, Beaver street, after its taking and reconstruction by this department March 27, 1893, was relocated by the Board of Street Commissioners by an order passed December 5, 1894, in consequence of an agreement with the abutters approved and recommended by the Law Department, it is therefore,

Voted, that this Board in accordance with the provisions of section thirteen of Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, hereby approves of the relocation and alteration of Beaver street by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed December 5, 1894, according to a plan thereof, dated March 24, 1894, signed by Pierre Humbert Jr. City Surveyor and referred to in the said order.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec.

Boston, January 13, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2, P. M.

Present Messrs Hodges and Walker, Mr. Pratt having given notice that he could not be present.

Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow pay to Joseph E. Perry for the time he was suspended on account of a case of diphtheria in his family, and that the Engineer inform him that he was at fault in not reporting the case immediately.

Mr. C. E. Hubbard came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the case of the Goldsmith heirs for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Hubbard stated that his clients wanted two and one quarter cents per foot and that the Board had offered one and one half cents. While they would not accept that price they might agree to a compromise on a price between the two figures provided the City assumes the betterment on the remaining land. At the suggestion of the Board he agreed to confer with his clients and submit a definite proposition.

Mr. D. A. Hall came before the Board with reference to a settlement of his claim for damages for lands taken for the Strandway. Mr. Hall stated that the property was now paying twenty four hundred dollars per annum under leases which provide for an annual increase of fifty dollars. He offered to deed the whole property to the City including the land not taken and transfer the leases, on an agreement to pay him twenty-five hundred dollars per annum during his life, or on the payment of the amount which will be necessary to buy such an annuity at the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company. City Solicitor Babson was also present to assist the Board in the consideration of the

matter which was taken under advisement.

Mr. Babson also submitted a proposition for a settlement of the suit of the Trustees of the estate of Frederick E. Weber for land taken for Jamaica Park on the basis of damages in the sum of seventeen thousand dollars with interest and taxable costs, and a judgment of no betterment without costs in the betterment case; the owners to restrict their remaining lands in the usual form. Mr. Babson stated that the settlement was based on about forty cents per foot for the land taken, with ten thousand dollars added for the house, and one thousand dollars for damages to the stable, which was about the price Mr. Weber had paid for the estate some time before the taking. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of John D. Bryant et. al. Trustees of estate of Frederick E. Weber, for land taken for Jamaica Park, for the sum of seventeen thousand dollars with interest and costs, and agree to a judgment of no betterment without costs in the betterment suit of said Trustees, upon their giving a deed for the same containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of Public Park Deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, together with a release or discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 20th. 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E.W. Howe and J.C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted revised plans for widening

Morton and Canterbury streets, which were approved as a suggestion for the consideration of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for the extension and improvement of Dorchester Park, which was approved as a suggestion to be submitted to the Mayor, and Trustees of the City Hospital.

Mr. Howe stated that the work being done by the Stone Mason's gang was about finished and asked for instructions. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge take up the work of laying a wall at the Administration Building on the Riverway.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to sewer assessment at Jamaica Park, was received and a letter was addressed to the Mayor regarding the matter.

Communications from A. J. Allen regarding Donnelly's Advertising boards on Commonwealth avenue, and from Robert T. Edes requesting the privilege of skating on the ponds in the Arboretum, and suggesting the laying out of more direct roads and paths therein, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Robert Treat Paine relating to play grounds for children at the North End was received and read. Mr. Paine also came before the Board and explained the plan he had in mind of obtaining a small playground in connection with the taking of land for school purposes between Prince and North Bennett streets where an area of thirty four thousand square feet, covered chiefly with wooden buildings of unsanitary character, was assessed for one hundred and thirty eight thousand dollars. His idea was that the school department should take part of it, or say twenty thousand feet, and the Park Commissioners take the rest. This would afford a convenient playground in the midst of a number of schoolhouses and of incalculable value to the whole neighborhood. The Commissioners in reply

said that the general idea and theory of the Board in the past was that to provide more breathing spaces and play grounds was not what the Board was constituted to do, except as they might be made a feature of a park. The Board had not considered the laying out of play grounds as a part of its duty unless as a special matter charged upon it by the City Council under a special appropriation for the purpose.

A report of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association in charge of the Women's and Children's Division at Charlesbank, for the year 1895 also communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings referring to speaking tubes and electric bells at the Head House, Marine Park, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Algonquin Club for permission to erect a temporary awning, from time to time, in front of the Ladies Entrance to the Club House on Commonwealth avenue was received and it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit to the Algonquin Club to erect a temporary awning, from time to time, over the Ladies Entrance to the Club House on Commonwealth avenue, for the year 1896, upon the filing of a bond by the Club in the usual form.

A communication from W. E. Sheldon stating that he had annulled his agreement with Robert Coulsey and suggesting that the Board make arrangements direct with him was received and it was

Voted, that permission be granted to Gilman J. Raymond and Robert Coulsey to sell, set and sharpen skates, and to sell skate straps at Jamaica Pond, for this season, in accordance with a schedule of prices approved by the Commissioners.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Catherine S. Condrey, widow of Patrick Condrey, the amount due him on the payrolls of this department.

Mr. C. E. Hubbard came before the Board and stated that he had conferred with his clients regarding a settlement of their case and that Mr. Goldsmith would not

be satisfied with anything less than one thousand dollars per acre. He had ascertained that the owners of the adjoining land asked thirteen hundred dollars per acre, and he believed the Goldsmith land to be as good if not better than the Weld land. The commissioners declined to discuss a settlement on the terms offered by Mr. Hubbard, but intimated that they would accept an offer of settlement at one and three quarter cents per foot.

Mr. C. E. Jackson came before the Board and stated that he represented Mr. B. C. Clark and the Heirs of Thomas B. Williams in their claims for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway. He submitted some figures and said he believed that a settlement of their cases could be made satisfactory to the City if the Commissioners would indicate how far they were willing to go in meeting the ideas of his clients as to the value of the lands taken. After some discussion as to values the Commissioners said they would consider the question of making an offer.

Mr. L. L. P. Atwood also came before the Board with regard to the same matter. Mr. Atwood said that he represented all except the Goldsmith estate. He said he considered the Goldsmith land valueless for improvement. The Weld land was better than the Goldsmith land. He said he considered fourteen thousand dollars, or two cents per foot, a fair price for the Weld land, and would recommend their accepting such an offer. He said the Williams heirs had made a fair offer considering the value of the buildings which he estimated at ten thousand dollars. He further said that he had settled the claims of the Weld heirs for land taken by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners, on Church street, for twenty thousand dollars or about nine cents per foot and the Commissioners paid him a commission of two and one half per cent on all the settlements he had made for them. He sold the land corner of Beach and Washington streets for about four cents per foot and had resold about half

of it since for an advance over that figure.
He said that the land of the Manning Heirs, on Centre street near Walter street, had been held at 12½ cents per foot, but could not now be bought at that price. In connection with these and other instances of the prices paid for similar property, he considered that the offers for settlement originally made by him were substantially correct values of the lands taken and although not now binding on any body, he thought that settlements could be made at about those figures.

Hon. C. F. Sprague and Mr. Souther came before the Board with reference to the time for closing the driveways of the Arnold Arboretum.
Mr. Sprague stated that a large number of residents of the district about Centre and Allandale streets are discommoded by the early closing of the Arboretum and they desired to know whether the Commissioners would take favorable action if the Director of the Arboretum could be induced to give his consent to the keeping of the drives open until 10 o'clock.
The Commissioners replied that they would prefer to have Prof. Sargent take the initiative in any movement looking towards keeping the driveways open at night.

Working drawings of proposed gates for Arnold Arboretum were received from Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, and at Mr. Howe's suggestion they were referred back to the architects for an estimate of cost of construction.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 27. 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.
Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.
The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a report for the year 1895

of the Landscape Architects for publication in the annual report of the Board.

Executive circular No. 1. requesting that annual reports of departments be submitted as soon after the 1st of January as the financial statements can be prepared was received and placed on file.

Petitions of Eliza G. Rice and James S. English for abatement of betterment assessments, Jamaica Park, were received. Mr. English also came before the Board and was given a hearing in the matter. Subsequently City Solicitor Babson conferred with the Board regarding the question of the advisability of making some abatement of the betterments. Mr. Babson stated that the lien under which the betterments can be collected by the sale of the real estate expires about the first of April, and that the City Collector had issued notice of sale accordingly. Mr. R. M. Morse had offered to settle all the betterment cases for which he has brought suits, at 25 % of the betterment. Mr. Babson said that he declined to settle on that basis and they had hoped to have the Brewer case tried in order to furnish a basis for further negotiation, but it was extremely doubtful if a trial can be had before the Collector will be compelled to act. He, therefore, recommended that an abatement of fifty per cent be allowed on all betterments paid to the City Collector before April first.

The Board thereupon passed the following vote:

Whereas by Chapter 185 of the Acts of 1895, the City of Boston was authorized to abate a portion of the betterments made on account of the laying out of Jamaica Park and Arborway and

Whereas, the City Council of said Boston has, by an order passed June 27, 1895, authorized this Board to abate betterments in accordance with the provisions of said Act, it is therefore,

Voted, that the Board will abate fifty per cent of the amounts due for assessments for betterments, made on account of the laying out of the Parkways

known as Jamaica Park and Arboway, on application of the owners of estates assessed, made to this Board on or before April 1, 1896.

A communication from the Commissioner of Wires, relating to the insulation of the iron poles used in the parks for the suspension of electric light wires, was received and referred to the Superintendent of Lamps.

City Council orders requesting that Charlesbank gymnasium be kept open evenings for skating, and that electric lights be placed on Wood Island Park for the benefit of skaters, were received, read and placed on file.

The application of Jane Maguire for permission to keep light refreshments at Ellicott Cottage in connection with her position as matron was received and the matter was referred to the Landscape Architects to see what facilities will be required for the business. Mr. James Dooling, caterer, called on the Board with reference to his application for the refectory, Franklin Park. The Commissioners suggested that he look over the building and make some definite proposition for carrying it on.

Plans and estimates for carriage sheds at the Franklin Park refectory were received from Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, and the matter was laid over for conference with Mr. Hartwell at the next meeting.

Mr. E. L. Reed came before the Board and submitted a plan of Stone & Webster's to install the proposed electric plant at the Head House in one of the rooms under the promenade instead of in the basement, as originally proposed. The plan would require some modifications of the contract but probably no great expense. The plan was approved conditionally on its acceptance by the City Engineer, and was taken by Mr. Howe for that purpose.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 13. 1876.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the City Council requesting that a partial covering be placed over the bridge from Marine Park to Castle Island was recived and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A proposition of the Norton Iron Company to erect iron gates at the Arboretum on the plans prepared by Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright regarding lightning rods on Pine Bank House was received, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Wheelwright to have the lightning rods removed.

A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Assessors relating to sewer assessment, Jamaica Park, and stating that in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel it is not for a parcel of land for which the owner is by law exempt and that therefore, the assessors have no power to act, was received and placed on file.

A communication with reference to the use of Franklin Field from M. H. Bolger, stating that the Franklin Cricket Club had amalgamated with the Boston Cricket Club, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Howe stated that Mr. Finneran is agrieved at getting less pay than any other person employed at Wood Island Park. The Commissioners declined to increase the pay at present, but authorized the engineer to inform him that the pay would be restored to one hundred dollars per month when the gymnasium is opened.

Voted, that the bill for betterment assessment on lot numbered four on assessment plan for Jamaica

Park and Arborway, amounting to one thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars, and assessed to John D. Bryant et. als, trustees estate Frederick E. Weber, be withdrawn from the City Collector, said betterment assessment having been assumed by the City, by vote of this Board, under Chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1884.

Voted, that fifty per cent. of the amount due for assessment for betterment upon the estate of James S. English, numbered tiventy nine on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the amounts due for assessments for betterments upon the estates of William E. James, numbered tiventy three and tiventy seven on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the amount due for assessment for betterment upon the estate of Sarah L. James, numbered tiventy-four on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Messrs Horace G. Allen and B. C. Clark came before the Board with reference to a settlement for lands taken from Mr. Clark and the Heirs of Thomas P. Williams for the West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Clark stated that land had been sold at an average of six and seven cents per foot in the rear of the four hundred thousand foot lot. The relative value of this land, compared with land in the vicinity, is eight cents per foot, or thirty three thousand dollars. The buildings on the Williams Farm cost in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars. One of his experts, Mr. John C. Betts, values them at fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Clark said he put this lot at forty five thousand dollars including buildings at ten thousand dollars. He considered three and one half cents per foot a low price for the land taken. He had taken into account the fact that the land left would be enhanced in value. With regard to his own land he and others had settled with the Metropolitan Park Commission for the land on the

other side of Weld street for from seven to nine cents per foot. He had bought the land twenty six years ago and had spent four thousand or five thousand dollars on the walls. He put the land at ten cents per foot. He had intended to build a house to live in and he did not want it taken as it has a fancy value to him. Subsequently the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Clark that the Board had concluded to offer eighty six thousand dollars in settlement of the claims represented by him with interest from this date until paid.

Messrs Charles F. Adams 2d., Sigourney Butler and others came before the Board with reference to the proposition now before the Legislature to authorize the Metropolitan Park Commission to construct a boulevard from Squantum Head in Quincy to Boston and to the Blue Hills Reservation. Mr. Adams submitted a copy of the proposed Act and outlined the plan which he said was advantageous to Boston and to the southern part of the Metropolitan district. Its general principle is the preservation of the Bay shore and the Neponset River front as far as Milton Lower Mills, connecting with Franklin Park by way of Morton street as widened by the Board of Survey; the primary object being to make these natural features accessible to pleasure travel, and at the same time to connect Boston with the Blue Hills Reservation. It is regarded in Quincy as developing land in one of the residential districts. In reply to the question why they did not include the banks of the Neponset river to Hyde Park, he said they had mapped out as much of a scheme as they thought could be carried, leaving the logical development of it to the future. The larger part of the land required in Quincy would be given by the owners, and it was expected that the amount asked for would suffice for both land and construction. They propose a cost of

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construction of twenty-five thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars per mile according to the width of the roadway.

Mr. Sigourney Butler stated that he considered the scheme perfectly logical, as it contemplates a parkway or boulevard connecting historical points and making the most of the natural features particularly the Bay shore. All they ask the Board to say is that it is a feasible, reasonable and proper scheme and a benefit to the City of Boston.

The Commissioners replied that they would consider it and inform the Committee later what position they would take regarding the matter.

The Board conferred with Mr. Hartwell regarding the estimates for carriage sheds at the refectory, Franklin Park, submitted by him at the last meeting. The matter was referred back to the architects for estimates based on a partial completion of the proposed structure. Mr. Hartwell also said in answer to a question, that Mr. Flynn was proceeding very slowly with the work on the refectory and that he had been tempted to take the contract away from him. It was, thereupon

Voted, to notify the architects to take possession of the work as provided in the contract, unless such progress is shown as will insure the completion of the job at the earliest practicable date. The Secretary was directed also to notify the contractor of the action of the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston February 10, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges and Walker, Mr. Pratt having sent notice of his unavoidable absence. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on the number of iron poles used for carrying electric light wires in the parks was received, and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the report to the Commissioner of Wires.

Orders of the City Council requesting the erection of flag poles on Charlestown Heights, and on Charlesbank also a report of the Engineer in Charge on the cost of a flagpole similar to the one at Marine Park, were received and the matter was referred to the Landscape Architects to report a location for a pole at Charlestown Heights.

A proposition of B. C. Clark for settlement of land damages, West Roxbury Parkway was received and consideration thereof postponed to the next meeting owing to the absence of Mr. Pratt.

A communication from John J. Flynn relating to his alleged delay in completing the refectory building, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Architects.

Requests of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association relating to the continuance of the winter class at the Charlesbank gymnasium during March, also that the salaries of the superintendent and assistant be increased, and that the association be permitted to nominate a successor to Miss Doyle were received, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board consents to the continuance of the class as proposed, and will take up the question of increase of salaries when the nomination of a successor to Miss Doyle is made by the Association.

Voted, that fifty percent of the amount due for assessment of betterment upon the estate of Delia V. Flanders, numbered ninety-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Helene P. Schmidt, numbered eight on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

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Voted, that the City Treasurer be authorized to repay under Chapter 185 of the Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-five, fifty percent of the assessment for betterment on the estate of William G. Weld, numbered sixty-eight on the assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, upon his causing his betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

A communication from Fred W. Kelsey relating to nursery stock was received and placed on file.

A hearing was given to a committee of the Boston Yacht Club, at which were present Messrs J. A. Stetson, Charles E. Russ and A. C. Furnald and Mr. Horace G. Allen as comsel for the club. Mr. Allen stated that under the original agreement for a settlement of the suit of the Boston Yacht Club, it was agreed that the City would move the buildings and put in foundations. The Club also claimed that under this agreement the City should build a fence and dolphins, or in other words, they should be put in as good shape for business as they are in now, including everything necessary for using their club house and floats in the new location in the manner in which they now use them. If the change of plan is agreed to, and the back wash, owing to the straight wall, necessitates the placing of their floats further out so as to require a bridge and heavier floats the city should assume the expense under the agreement.

Mr. Stetson stated that the club prefers the angle wharf to the straight wall but is willing to give way to the views of the Commissioners if it can be done without expense to the Club. He called Mr. Russ who stated that the long wall will increase the violence of the sea and that the angular wall would better serve their purpose, as their floats could be so placed as to avoid the back wash.

Mr. Allen further stated that the Board had no authority to give assurance of permanency and that the Club, at his suggestion, was willing to forego that proposition. Under the agreement to pay the necessary expenses of removal, the Yacht Club would be entirely satisfied if the understanding of the Board

is to make the change without expense to the club. The Commissioners replied that if the change of plan involves additional expense, the obligation of the City became enlarged to that extent and the Board would not evade anything fairly involved in the agreement to pay the necessary expense of removal to the new site.

Mr. Stetson said that the Club wants to be reimbursed for extra expense if any is involved in the change of plan, also that an equal area of land be provided for their use and with this understanding the change of location is assented to.

Voted, that the Water Commissioner be requested to lay a water pipe to the Pine Bank House and erect a hydrant in accordance with the directions of the Engineer in Charge.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 17, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive circular Number two, relating to the filling of vacancies was received, read and placed on file.

A report of the Engineer in Charge on an order of the City Council asking to the filling of the Charles river embankment with surplus material excavated from the subway was received, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Boston Transit Commission and report conclusions to the Mayor.

A communication from B. C. Clark notifying the Board that the Thomas P. Williams Heirs will vacate the Williams Farm April 22, 1896, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mary P. Palmer offering to

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give land at the end of Park street for a park entrance if the City will construct it without cost to her, also a communication from William R. Campbell thanking the Board for affording facilities for skating, were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Olmsted reported that the most suitable location for a flag pole at Charlestown Heights was the area between the sand courts. A reply to the City Comcil regarding this matter, and the erection of a flagpole at Charlesbank, was made through His Honor the Mayor.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay under Chapter one hundred eighty-five of the Acts of Eighteen hundred ninety-five, fifty per-cent of the assessment for betterment on the estate of Mary M. McCauley, numbered fifty-eight and one half on the assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the amount due for assessment for betterment upon the estate of Henry P. Bowditch et. als. trustees Bowditch Real Estate Trust, numbered seventy nine on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated, provided they cause their betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Benjamin A. Picknor, trustee, numbered sixteen on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated, provided he cause his betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Heirs of William D. Picknor, numbered fifteen on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated, provided they cause their betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty percent of the amount due for assessment for betterment upon the estate of Mary E. Cutter, numbered ten on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that the Secretary issue to George Coles and

C. H. Greenleaf and Company, permit for the year eighteen hundred ninety-six, to erect temporary awnings on Commonwealth avenue, under the usual conditions.

A proposition was received from Mr. Clark offering to settle his West Roxbury parkway suits for an aggregate amount of Sixty-eight thousand, eight hundred dollars provided that no betterments are assessed upon the remaining lands, which was declined and the Chairman was authorized to renew the previous offer of the Board with interest added from the time of the taking of the land, and with a further agreement to assume the betterments, provided the remaining lands are subjected to the usual restrictions pertaining to Parkway frontages.

On application of A. C. McKenzie it was

Voted, that the New England Amateur Athletic Union be authorized to hold a skating carnival at Wood Island Park, from three to five on Wednesday afternoon, or on such other day during the present week as may be chosen, and to rope off a part of said grounds during the continuance of said carnival.

Mr. E. L. Reed came before the Board with reference to the opening of a passageway from the basement to the workman's room at the Head House, Marine Park, and it was

Voted, to approve of the work being done by the contractors by day labor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

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Boston, February 24, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The annual report of the City Engineer was received for publication in the Department reports.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to flooring of the refectory terrace, Franklin Park was received and the suggestion that the matter be left in the hands of the Architects for adjustment, was adopted.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Michael Goodwin, numbered fifty-five on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arboraway, be abated provided he cause his betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

A communication from B. C. Clark accepting offer of ninety-three thousand dollars with proviso regarding betterments and date of payment was received, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the letter as having closed the matter, and to request the Law Department to prepare the necessary papers to complete the transaction.

A communication from the City Treasurer containing an opinion of the Corporation Counsel regarding the authority of the City Treasurer to repay betterment assessments, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Howe submitted bids, which he had obtained for coping and curbstone for Franklin Park, as follows:

Coping.	
Charles River Stone Company	$ 275.
Milford Pink Granite Company	209.
Braintree Red Granite Company	147.
Curbstone	
Granite Railway Company	1150.
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	625.

Rockport Granite Company	$594.
Lanesville Granite Company	480.
Cape Ann Granite Company	412.84

and it was

Voted, that the lowest bids be accepted.

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Boston March 2. 1896

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, Gen'l Walker having given notice of his intended absence. Also present Messrs E. H. Howe and J. C. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Olmsted submitted revised plan of Strandway from Marine Park to O street also grading plan for drive on the north side of Peters Hill, which were referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from G. Winthrop Coffin protesting against the widening of Glen road, as proposed by a bill before the Legislature, and requesting the intervention of the Park Commissioners, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright relating to the set back on the Massachusetts Historical Society's lot on Boylston street and the Fenway and the jurisdiction of the Board with reference thereto, already replied to by the Secretary, also communication from the City Conveyancer relating to restrictions on the southerly side of Boylston street between Parker street and Massachusetts Avenue, were received read and placed on file.

A communication from Edward D. Rice relating to abatement of betterment assessment, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

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An order of the Common Council requesting a report as to the expediency of providing free winter baths at Wood Island Park was received and placed on file, a reply having been made by the Chairman.

A request of Officer Karcher for leave to remove three fallen trees on Dorchester Park, was referred to the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that in the suit of Thomas W. Hart et. al. for damages for land taken for Leverett Park the Law Department be authorized to consent that judgment may be entered on April 1, 1896, for the sum of Nine thousand dollars without interest or costs, provided they give a deed or release on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department.

Voted, that in the suits for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway, the Law Department be authorized to consent that judgment may be entered on April 1, 1896, for the sum of Twenty-eight thousand dollars in the case of Adeline K. Clark, Two thousand dollars in the case of Alice Williams, and Sixty-three thousand dollars in the case of Alice Williams et. al., provided they severally give deeds for the same containing all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of such taking and the construction of said West Roxbury Parkway.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Heirs of Joseph H. Balch, numbered eighty on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the Assessment for betterment upon the estate of Anne Elizabeth Morse, numbered eleven on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of [redacted], numbered twenty-five on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided she cause her betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Edward L. Jones, numbered forty nine on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided he cause his betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of M. Josephine Harrington, numbered thirty-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

A request was received from Trumbull and Ryan for permission to use spruce piles removed from foundations of buildings on Gray's wharf, in the foundation of the sea wall at the North End Park, and the matter was referred to the City Engineer to authorize the substitution of the piles for those called for in the contract, provided an allowance satisfactory to the Engineer be made.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 16, 1896.

A meting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Landscape Architects regarding a proposed change of plan at the south east entrance of the park at the North End, was received and the plan was approved and referred

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to the City Engineer to prepare orders for the work to be done under the present contract.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to a plan for a proposed bridge and approaches, at the mouth of Charles river, was received, read and placed on file.

Communications from Edmund M. Wheelwright enclosing estimate and drawing of pedestal for fountain at Pine Banks Park, recommending that the contract be given to John Evans and Co. for the sum of One hundred eighty-five dollars, also proposal for gilding and bronzing clock face dials at Head House, Marine Park, recommending that a contract for the same be awarded to James D. Wingate and Son for the sum of ninety dollars, were received and it was

Voted, that the architect be authorized to order the work done in accordance with said proposals.

Executive circular No. 3 relating to holiday March 17th. (Evacuation Day) was received, read and placed on file.

A communication was received from Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells nominating Miss Maud Wessel for position of superintendent of Playground at Charlestown, also regarding the question of increase of salaries for the superintendent of the gymnasium and her assistant.

Voted, that the recommendation of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association relating to the appointment, on one month's trial, of Miss Maud Wessel as assistant in place of Miss Doyle, at the same salary (fifty dollars per month), also the appointment of an assistant, for three months, to take care of the baths, and the employment of substitutes for Sundays and vacations, and the procuring of kindergarten material be approved.

The motion of increase of salaries was postponed.

Voted, that the request of H. P. Dawn for leave to place an engine and apparatus for excavating a sewer in the parkway on the extension of Boylston street, during the construction of a sewer in said street, be granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge.

Messrs Braman and Williams, trustees Boston Water Power Company, came before the Board with reference to a location for the West End Street Railway in the Fens. Mr Braman said that unless a way can be had through the Fens the Company will run its Brookline line down Brookline avenue to Beacon street, which would result in postponing the development of the Boylston Street lands indefinitely. Mr Williams suggested that if a temporary location could be given across the park the railroad would build through Boylston street whereby three million feet of land would be benefited and taxable property in Boston would be increased. The Board took the question under advisement.

Senator John Quinn Jr. came before the Board to recommend Mr. Mara for the Marine Park refectory.

Voted, that the chairman approve the bill of E. W. Bowditch for services to April 1st notwithstanding his absence from duty owing to injuries received by him on March 7th.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Eliza C. Rice, numbered seventy-three on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Patrick T. and Ellen M. Reardon, numbered fifty on

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assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of William K. King and Rose King, numbered eighty-five on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Baily L Page, numbered ninety-eight on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Julia Shea, numbered sixty-four on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Mr. Eliot submitted a grading plan for the West Roxbury Parkway between Washington street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R., also grading plan for a roadway in the Arboretum from South street to Walter street, north of Peter's Hill, which were placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 23, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, and Walker, Mr. Pratt having given notice of his intended absence. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. E. Hubbard came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the Goldsmith case. Mr. Hubbard said that the best terms he could get Mr. Goldsmith to agree to were eighteen thousand dollars or two and one quarter cents per foot waiving interest and betterments on the remaining land

and would also agree to pay fifty per cent of the betterment assessed on his land adjoining the Arboretum or deduct from the eighteen thousand dollars. The Commissioners took the offer under consideration and subsequently referred it to the Chairman with authority to consent to a settlement on said terms provided restrictions are placed on the remaining lands of the Goldsmith estate adjoining the Arboretum and West Roxbury Parkway.

Francis Peabody Jr. representing the Boylston street Land Company, came before the Board and asked if arrangements could be made for a temporary location of the West End street railway through Boylston road in the Fens until such time as the railroad, with the assistance of the land owners, could build the permanent location provided by the Board. The Commissioners suggested that the request for a temporary location should come from the West End Company together with a sufficient guarantee or bond that the other location should be built within two years.

A petition from the West End Street Railway Company for approval of pole locations on Franklin Park at Blue Hill avenue for carrying the wires of its electric system was received and the plan accompanying said petition was referred to the Landscape Architects for examination and report.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of William J. Miller, numbered eighteen on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment

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for betterment upon the estate of William L. Tiffany, numbered twenty on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Martha A. Munroe, numbered ninety-nine on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Henry D. Williams, numbered one hundred on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, numbered ninety on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided it causes its betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Charles H. Wing, numbered thirty-four on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Helen M. Ellis, numbered seventeen on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Protests against licensing the sale of beers and liquors in the Park refectories were received from the Cambridge Young People's Evangelical Union, Young Men's Baptist Social Union, Total Abstinence Society of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Universalist Minister's Association, and the First Universalist Society

in Roxbury.

A communication was received from Dwight Braman stating that if a carriage entrance could be arranged to give access to a building or hotel to be erected at the North East corner of Westland entrance fronting on the Fens, he would restrict the land so that the building would be an ornament to the park, and the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Braman to see if the plan suggested by the Landscape Architect some time ago would be acceptable to him.

A request of H. P. Nawn for permission to move the engine used in the construction of the sewer in Boylston Street, through the Fens was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge.

John F. Morrill came before the Board with regard to improving the ground of the Boston Cricket Club at Franklin Field. The Commissioners suggested that the Club consider the question of removing to the playground near its present location.

George W. Macauley came before the Board with reference to securing the abatement of fifty per cent of the betterment under the vote of the Board of January twenty-seventh 1896, also the question of restricting the land owned by him and others on the Arborway adjoining the Arboretum, in connection with the abatement of the balance of the betterment assessed. The Commissioners said that they would confer with other owners regarding the question of uniform restrict-

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ions for the whole frontage at the Arboretum and endeavor to reconcile the differences which have hitherto prevented an agreement being made.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Jackson Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from H. H. Rueter objecting to the draft of Park deed sent him and declining to place restrictions on his remaining land at present, was received and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Law Department regarding the course which should govern the Board with regard to such cases.

A communication from the Landscape Architects regarding the drainage of the territory adjoining West Roxbury Parkway was received and the Secretary was directed to furnish the Street Commissioners with a copy of the grading plan of the parkway.

A communication from the War Department calling attention to the fact that repairs are needed on the building occupied by the Ordnance Sergeant at Castle Island, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge with authority to make needed repairs.

A communication from Edmund M. Wheelwright regarding matters connected with the completion of Pine Bank House and the cause of delay in said work, was received read and placed on file.

A communication from the Landscape Ar-

chitects relating to the location of poles for the electric railway in Blue Hill avenue adjacent to Franklin Park was received and it was

Voted, that the locations for poles for carrying the wires of the electric system of the West End Street Railway Company, on Blue Hill avenue, from Seaver street to Canterbury street, as shown by red dots on plan of A. D. Kimpton, C.E., with typical cross section thereof showing the arrangement of the poles with reference to the curbstone and edge of the walk, dated March 10, 1896, be approved, and that said Company be authorized to erect such poles as are within the limits of Franklin Park, in accordance with said plan provided that the work be done under the conditions prescribed in the usual form of permit to be issued therefor and to be satisfactory to the engineer in charge, and that said poles be removed upon notice from this board.

A communication from James M. Codman relating to the betterment assessment upon the estate of Henrietta S. Sargent, corner Perkins and Prince streets, with an alternative proposition for a settlement of the same in connection with her suit for land damages, was received and laid over.

A communication from Kate Gannett Wells containing report of the Winter Class at Charlestown was received and placed on file.

Protests of the Harvard Improvement Association and others, against the sale of liquors in the public parks, were received and placed on file.

An order of the City Council was received authorizing the City Treasurer "to repay to the owner of the land or his assignee such propor-

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tion of any assessment which he paid into the City Treasury on account of an assessment for betterments made on account of the laying out of the parkways known as Jamaica Park and Arborway, as the Board of Park Commissioners shall approve, the amount so repaid to be charged to "Protested betterment payments, West Roxbury".

A committee of the South Boston Citizens Association came before the Board to request information as to the intention of the Board to permit the sale of liquors in the park refectories, and to protest against such action being taken. Mr. Means stated that the Association was practically unanimous against the sale of liquors in the public parks.

F. J. Kerthel jr. came before the Board with reference to placing restrictions upon the lands which he and others had purchased from Samuel and Augustus B. Bradstreet on the Arborway. Mr. Kerthel stated that they had no objections to the restrictions proposed, but that Mr. Bradstreet had stated to them that he had an understanding with the Board at the time he agreed to a settlement of the damages for land taken under which the Board agreed to abate the whole of the betterment on the lot west of South street provided the land was subjected to the usual restrictions. He, therefore, on behalf of Mr. Bradstreet, requested that such action be taken. The Board took the matter under consideration.

Mr. J. C. Watson came before the Board with reference to a change in the location of the railroad station at Wood Island Park. The Board requested that Mr. Watson put his suggestion in writing for future consideration.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Arabella Small, numbered twenty-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of William A. Mosman, numbered fifty-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of James F. Davis, numbered sixty-seven and one half on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway be abated.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Heirs of Patrick Mc Dermott, numbered sixty-five on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided they cause their betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Lowell, numbered thirty-nine on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided it cause its betterment suit to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay, under chapter one hundred eighty-five of the Acts of 1895, fifty per cent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Susan P. Adams, numbered thirty-eight on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway.

Mr. Babson stated that he had agreed with Mr. A. D. Chandler to allow him to take out the Execution on the Brookline Land case before April 1st and to settle the same without a deed or release as called for in the vote of the Board of March 2nd. Without formal action Mr. Babson's recommendation was agreed to.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

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Boston, April 6, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Frall. Also present Messrs Eliot and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report of the City Engineer on a request of the Superintendent of Streets for permission to deposit ourblue filling on Franklin Field was received and the Secretary was directed to reply to the Superintendent of Streets in accordance with the report of the City Engineer and suggest that the Street Department should assume the cost of the extension of the culvert so far as it is made necessary by the filling in.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to provide a covering over the centre of Cottage-Street bridge, running from East Boston to Wood Island, also a communication from J.H. Benton jr., referred by the Mayor to the Board, suggesting that the questions raised by the extension of the Parkway across the Providence railroad, be arranged upon some equitable basis as between the City and the Railroad, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply. See Letter Book 6, pp 230 & 234.

An order of the City Council requesting that a location for Henry Hutchins be provided on the Strandway, was received and placed on file.

On the request of W.A. Murtfeldt for a rebate on account of the laying of an artificial stone sidewalk in front of the Empire Hotel, on Commonwealth avenue, it was

Voted, that there be allowed and paid to W.A. Murtfeldt the sum of sixty-eight and 10/100 dollars being the rebate on account of the laying of an artificial stone sidewalk in front of the Empire

Hotel, on Commonwealth avenue, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said Engmnt; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Sarah S. Chesley, numbered fifty-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated provided she pay her assessment said to be dismissed without costs.

Voted, that fifty percent of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of William E. Manger, numbered thirty-seven on assessment plan for Jamaica Park and Arborway, be abated.

A communication from the Trustees of the Commonwealth avenue Fund calling attention to the poor condition of the roadway of Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A request of Trumbull and Ryan for permission to lay a mortar wall in place of concrete, under their contract at North End Park, was received and it was

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to consent to the substitution of a mortar wall for concrete as requested by the contractors.

A protest of Henry J. Bowen against the sale of liquors on the Parks was received and placed on file.

A communication from H. M. Ticknor relating to further abatement of assessment on Jamaica Park and Arborway, was received and placed on file.

A request of W. H. Sayward jr. for information relating to the construction of Golf links at

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Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

On request of P. P. Goff for permit to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, it was

Voted, that a permit be granted to P. P. Goff to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, from May 20th to June 25th, 1896, to be removed on notice, provided he provides police supervision when necessary in the opinion of the Board.

A communication from James L. Little offering a Canada goose for the Fens or any other part of the park system, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge. Subsequently Mr. Howe reported in favor of its acceptance and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Little accordingly.

On request of Mrs. Minnie Webster for renewal of permit to teach bicycle riding on the Fens, also requests of Mr. George Kendall, F. M. Curtis and the Overman Wheel Company for the privilege of teaching bicycle riding in the Fens, were received, and it was

Voted, to allow the temporary use of Fremont and Huntington Entrances of the Back Bay Fens, also the side roads of the Fenway on either side of Westland Entrance, also the side road of Boylston Road from Charlesgate West to Boylston Street, also the road running from Boylston street to the railroad in continuation of Charlesgate East, also that part of Charlesgate East from Commonwealth avenue to the railroad, for the instruction of beginners in the use of the bicycle.

On request of S. W. Hodgens for the privilege of driving horses and Shetland ponies, for saddle or cart service, for hire on Franklin Park, it was

Voted, That permission be granted for this season under the supervision of the Police, the location to be determined by the Engineer in charge.

Messrs. A. D. Weld and F. C. Welch, trustees, came before the Board with reference to the settlement of their claim for damages for land taken for West Roxbury Parkway. Mr. Weld stated that they were prepared to make a settlement on the basis of the offer submitted last year through Mr. L. L. P. Atwood, which was at the rate of two and three quarter cents per foot. The Commissioners replied that they had made settlements of similar lands at from one and one quarter to two cents per foot and suggested that the Trustees consider a settlement at about one and three quarter cents per foot.

Messrs. J. Alba Davis and E. M. Bigelow came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the claim of Louise Duplain, for damages for the taking of land for the brook channel in the Arboretum. Mr. Davis stated that they had made a settlement with the City Solicitor for the sum of three thousand dollars less half of the betterment, or say twenty-seven hundred dollars subject to the approval of the Board. There was no agreement with regard to restrictions. Subsequently Mr. Babson came before the Board and stated that he had agreed to the Duplain settlement, and recommended that it be completed. The Secretary was thereupon directed to ascertain what concessions Messrs. Davis and Bigelow would make regarding restricting the remaining land in connection with a frontage on the Arboretum.

Mr. Babson also conferred with the Board regarding the Hall and Grant cases on the Strandway.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment of no betterment in the betterment suit of Samuel and Augustus D. Bradstreet, upon the giving of an agreement by the present owners of the land lying westerly of South street, upon which the assessment was made, that they will hold their land within one hundred feet from the Parkway, subject to the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River.

Voted, that the Law department be authorized to consent to a judgment of no betterment in the betterment suit of Edwin K. Brown and others, upon their giving an agreement to hold their land within one hundred feet from the parkway, subject to the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, excepting that in Clause two the restriction as to value of a wooden house may read four thousand dollars instead of five thousand dollars.

Hearings were given to Sarah Cohen, James Dooling and H. J. Parker regarding their applications to carry on one or more of the park refectories.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Dunstead had offered to allow his son to act as his substitute until he is able to resume his duties, and it was

Voted, to accept such substitution for the present.

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment for one thousand dollars in the betterment suit brought by the Heirs of Henrietta S. Sargent, upon their giving a release of the land taken from them for Jamaica Park, December 21, 1892, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of such taking and the construc-

tion of said park.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston April 13, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and Charles Eliot.

Mr. Eliot submitted a report regarding the areas which, in the judgment of the Landscape Architects, should be planted this spring. Mr. Eliot also submitted sketch plans for boat storage houses at the Fens, Leverett Park and Jamaica Park.

Mr. Howe was authorized to do the pointing of the wall at Charlesbank also to do the cutting necessary to give access from Blue Hill avenue to the yard of the refectory at Franklin Park.

A petition of Luther M. Mowatt for permission to lay an artificial stone sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue, with a request that a rebate similar to that allowed by the Street Department, be given on account of said sidewalk, was received and the matter was referred to the Landscape Architects to formulate a plan for the proper treatment of the sidewalks and planting spaces in this part of Commonwealth avenue.

A communication from William P. Fowler, enclosing a copy of a petition to the Board of Street Commissioners, asking for the laying out and acceptance of Lyons street as an access to Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

On request of Thomas L. Livermore for permission to enter Jamaicaway with a new street through his land, to be called Rymer street, it was

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Voted, that Bynner street as laid out through land of Thomas L. Livermore and others, to connect with Jamaicaway, as shown on a plan of the same, drawn by French and Bryant, Civil Engineers, and dated April 6, 1896, be approved so far as to its entrance into said Jamaicaway, provided that the construction of said entrance including the catch basins, sewer and drains be done in accordance with directions to be given by the Engineer in Charge.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide a site for Robert L. Dibber on the Strandway was received and placed on file.

A communication from A. Davis Weld, trustee, renewing his offer for a settlement of his damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway for twenty thousand dollars and interest, with no betterments upon remaining land and right of entrance to parkway for the back land, was received and laid over.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to take for a public playground certain land in Ward twenty-four specified in the order, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the payment for watering driveways at Marine Park and Dorchesterway was received and placed on file.

With reference to the Duplain settlement, which was considered at the last meeting of the Board, the Secretary stated that Mr. Bigelow, as counsel for Mrs. Duplain, was not willing to place the remaining land under restrictions similar to those agreed upon by the Board with Benjamin Goldsmith and others, and that the settlement agreed upon with Mr. Babson should be adhered to

without regard to the questions of frontage on the Arborway and restrictions on the remaining land. It was thereupon,

Voted, that the Law Department be authorized to consent to a judgment for twenty-seven hundred dollars and taxable costs on the petition of Lewis Rupley, for damages for land taken for park purposes, April 29, 1897, and a judgment of no betterment in the betterment suit of said petitioner, upon her giving a release of all damages, cost and charges in consequence of said taking, including a release of all damages caused by the deepening of the channel of the brook running from the Arnold Arboretum to Woodview street or for the diversion of the brook running through her land, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Henry M. Whitney, of the Brookline Park Commissioners conferred with the Board regarding the proposed Longwood avenue bridge

A conference was held with William E. Sheldon regarding the running of Ferry Boats at City Point, and other matters connected with the boat service. Mr. Sheldon stated that he was ready to place canoes in the Fens and Riverway, and the Board authorized the Engineer in Charge to provide temporary landings for this service.

Mr. Eliot submitted an estimate of the cost of placing a soda fountain ice chest and show cases in Ellicott Cottage, Franklin Park which was placed on file

Voted, that on the petition of Benjamin E. Goldsmith et. al. for damages for land taken for the West Roxbury Parkway, the Law Department be authorized to consent that judgment may be entered for the sum of Seventeen thousand dollars, and a judgment of no betterment

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in the betterment suit of said petitioners upon their giving a deed of the land taken as aforesaid, including all the covenants, restrictions and conditions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, and an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of such taking and the construction of said West Roxbury Parkway, also upon their giving an agreement to hold their lands abutting upon and within one hundred feet from the Parkway at Arnold Aboretum, subject to the restrictions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, excepting that in clause two the restriction as to value of a wooden house may read four thousand dollars instead of five thousand dollars.

Adjourned to April 21, at 2 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, April 21st. 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present: Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson and Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from the Landscape Architects regarding suggestions for revision of plan for Charlestown Playground and regarding the plan of Commonwealth Avenue from Charlesgate West to Brighton Street were received, read and placed on file.

A communication from the Landscape Architects relating to the erection of a flagstaff at Pleasure Bay & Howe, referred to the Board

by Edmund M. Wheelwright with explanatory letter, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge, to examine the location proposed for the flagstaff and to notify Mr. Wheelwright to erect the same, if the trees do not stand in the way of its erection on the site selected.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to filling on Franklin Field and extension of culvert was received, read and placed on file.

A request of Dr. Rowe, Superintendent of Boston City Hospital, for the supply of forty poplar trees from the park nursery, as a gift or by purchase, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge, with authority to supply the trees wanted by Dr. Rowe if they are in the nursery.

A conference was held with William H. Lincoln of the Brookline Park Commission regarding the appropriation of money by the City of Boston for the Longwood bridge.

The Commissioners stated that they had included seventy-five thousand dollars for this bridge in making up the loan bill for one million dollars now before the Legislature, and that if the bill passed they would be prepared to join with Brookline in the construction of the bridge.

A conference was held with William E. Sheldon regarding the boat service and the providing further facilities to the public particularly with reference to a shelter on the wharf at Castle Island. The Commissioners stated that they were not ready yet to build a shelter, and authorized Mr. Sheldon to put up temporary accommodations for himself.

On the recommendation of Mr Howe it was Voted,

that T. J. Murphy one of the engin-

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ering Assistant be permitted to occupy free of rent the house on the Williams' Farm, West Roxbury Parkway

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston April 27, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Codman, Walker and Pratt. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Wheelwright and Haven giving notice of acceptance of Pine Bank House, was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from Sylvester Baxter, addressed to Wheelwright and Haven, relating to Mat Bachmann contractor for sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, also letter from Mr. Wheelwright recommending that the bondsmen should be notified in the event of Mr. Bachmann's failure to repair the work, were received and referred to the Chairman to communicate with Mr. Bachmann in the matter.

A communication from Mrs. K. G. Wells relating to increase of salaries for Miss McMartin and Miss Mahoney, also suggesting that the opening day be May 18th instead of the 15th, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission requesting the concurrence of the Park Commissioners to a deed of abandonment of land taken by it on Charles river to the Butcher's Slaughtering and

Melting Association was received and it was
Voted, to concur with the Metropolitan Park Commission in the proposed abandonment, which concurrence was endorsed upon the deed and signed by the Board.

A communication from William E. Sheldon regarding ferry boat license also requesting a license to sell cigars and soda water at the boat landings Marine Park, was received and it was

Voted, that W. E. Sheldon be authorized to sell temperance drinks and cigars at the boat landings at Marine Park and Castle Island, for this season.

A communication from W. M. Conant M.D. relating to the sidewalk opposite his house on Commonwealth avenue was received, read and placed on file. Justus H. Merrill came before the Board with reference to the same matter. Mr. Merrill stated that parties purchasing houses erected by him desired direct access to the curb from the door steps as stated by Dr. Conant. After some discussion it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit for a sidewalk in front of Mr. Merrill's houses with openings not exceeding five feet in width through the planting strip opposite each doorway.

Messrs Brandon and Mondell came before the Board with reference to the request of Mr. Maudell for leave to lay an extension of the brick sidewalk in front of his and Dr. Sturgis' houses on the Fenway, ten feet in width to the curb. After some discussion as to the need of completing the brick walks in front of the Fenway houses, it was

Voted, that the Secretary issue a permit as requested without prejudice as to the question of requiring the extension of the

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rest of the walk in accordance with the plans of the Landscape Architects.

A hearing was given to Mr. Charles A. Stone on his application to hire the refectory at Pine Bank.

Messrs Conry and Kelley of the Common Council came before the Board with reference to the laying out of ball grounds at Wood Island Park and furnishing electric lights at the gymnasium. The matter was referred to the Engineer in Charge to lay out the ball field as desired, and to report on the cost of installing electric lights.

The following bids for erecting carriage sheds at Franklin Park were received and read:

William T. Eaton	$ 5,298.00
H. F. Miller	7,124.00
John J. Flynn	7,484.00
John Mc. Namara	9,930.00
O'Connell and Furbush	7,938.00
Conmery and Wentworth	8,500.00
Mitchell and Sutherland	9,082.00
Frame and Mc. Pherson	11,788.00

the bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 4th 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges and Pratt, General Walker having another engagement. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by the choice of Edward C. Hodges as Chairman, Eaton Pratt, Chairman pro. tem. and George F. Clarke, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

Voted, that the Chairman pro tem. be authorized to approve drafts and bills, in the absence of the Chairman.

Voted, that in the absence of the Chairman & Chairman pro tem. Francis A. Hooper be Chairman pro tem. and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

City Council order granting the Boston Public Parks Boat Service Corporation a ferry boat license, also requesting that a hand-ball court be laid out at Charlestown Playground, were received, read and placed on file.

Amended forms of park ordinances submitted by Mr. Bailey were received and the Secretary was directed to have them put in type for final consideration.

A communication from Mrs. Wells regarding the proposed increase of salary for the superintendent of the womens gymnasium and her assistant, was received and it was

Voted, that said salaries be fixed at ninety and sixty dollars per month respectively.

Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell, representing the Committee on High Schools of the Boston School Committee, came before the Board to ask for the use of the Playstead in Franklin Park for the annual parade of the school regiments on May 15th. The Commissioners suggested that Franklin Field would be a more suitable place which Mr. Lowell took under consideration.

Messrs Thomas F. Bell, Chairman, Charles Belt, W. W. Nichols and E. J. Powers, a committee of the South Boston Citizens Association came before the Board to inquire what progress was being made with reference to the construction of the Strandway, and they were informed

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that a contract was already advertised for the section from Marine Park to O. street.

Harrison Dunham came before the Board to ask the consent of the Board that a small area of ground between B. and C streets, South Boston be leased by the City under Chapter two hundred thirty-one of the acts of 1893, and the matter was taken under consideration.

The Secretary was directed to notify Messrs A. W. Dewey and J. L. Gorham and Mrs. Ann M. Spaulding that the right of entrance to the parkway is given only in consideration of abutters holding their lands within one hundred feet from the parkway subject to the restrictions which have already been called to their attention, and that unless they are disposed to carry out such an arrangement it will be necessary for them to relinquish the entrance which they have been allowed to maintain under the assumption that they intended to conform to the requirements of the Board with regard to it, otherwise the Board will deem it necessary to close up the entrance to protect the rights of the city.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. George Curtis of the unfinished condition of Castleton street and to say that unless the street is completed in accordance with the requirements of the vote of the Board of October 21, 1895, the Board will feel obliged to close up the street.

Voted, that W. E. Sheldon be authorized to sell temperance drinks and cigars at the boat landing at Jamaica Pond, for this season the arrangements therefor to be satisfactory to the Landscape Architects.

Voted, that permission be granted for this season to Timothy Donovan to operate his merry-go-round at Franklin Park, in a location

to be selected by the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from John A Stetson, Commodore Boston Yacht Club, stating that the Club will join with the Park Commissioners in filling their flats north of the proposed Strandway, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Savin Hill Yacht Club for permission to dump material from scows at Marine Park, also request of Mrs. Healey Jones for permission to take care of the [illegible] Franklin Park and care for it during the summer, also request of Charles H. Bryant for permit to Willis Hunter to sell temperance drinks, at the corner of School street and Walnut avenue, Franklin Park, were received and permission severally refused.

On request of James Baker for permit to have a coupé stand corner Berkeley street and Commonwealth avenue, the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has no objection and refer him to the Police Department

Voted, that the office of Purchasing Agent be abolished and that the Chairman notify Mr. Shaw that his services will not be required after the twentieth inst.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 11, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Jackson, Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. The certificate of the appointment of Charles E. Stratton as a member of the Board for the term of three years from May first

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was received.

Voted, that in the absence of the chairman and chairman pro. tem. Charles E. Stratton be chairman pro. tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to repay, under Chapter one hundred eighty-five of the Acts of 1895, fifty per cent. of the assessment for betterment upon the estate of Phineas D. Smith et. als, numbered sixty-six on assessment plan for Jamaica Pond and Arborway.

A communication was received from Henry H. Kueter protesting against the closing up of his entrance to the parkway, with request for reconsideration of his case, and the Secretary was directed to invite him to come before the Board at its next meeting.

A complaint of A. E. Bursley against continued teaming on Charlesgate East between Beacon and Marlboro streets, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from Max Wachmann relating to repairs on sgraffito work at the Head House, Marine Park, was received, read and placed on file.

A petition of Jeremiah D. Mullen for the use of the front store in the building on Charlestown Playground to be used as a lunch room, was received and referred to the Engineer-in-Charge.

Voted, that on account of the difficulty of getting to Franklin Field, owing to the disturbed condition of Blue Hill Avenue, the Boston School Regiments be permitted to use the Parkstead at Franklin Park, for the annual parade on May 15th.

On motion of Mr. Stratton it was

Voted, that the above action be not considered a precedent.

The following was received, read and placed on file.

"Boston, May 6th, 1896.

"Boston Park Commissioners,
Boston, Mass.

"Gentlemen:-

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts "Bicycle Club held last evening the following "resolution was passed.

"Resolved: that it is the sense of the "Massachusetts Bicycle Club that fast and "reckless riding in the Park System is prejudicial to the best interest of cycling, and "that it is the duty of our members to co-"operate with the Park Police in enforcing "the rules of the Park Commissioners,

Yours respectfully
Signed W. Stanley Campbell
Secretary"

Francis Peabody jr. came before the Board with reference to the construction of a way for electric cars at the Fens in accordance with the plans of the Board, which provide for a subway under Charlesgate West. Mr. Peabody stated that the land owners would have great difficulty in inducing the West End Street Railway Company to construct the road unless the City would agree to bear a part of the expense of the archway under the street and the bridge over the water. He said the land was held in such a way that the abutters could not be expected to contribute anything, and unless the city would join with the Railway Company in the large expense required to construct the way the project would have to be postponed indefinitely. He further said that the City would gain in taxable values by the construction

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of the road. The Commissioners without specific action intimated that they would favor a reasonable expenditure on the part of the City to carry out the plan.

A hearing was given on the petition of Charlotte A. Bradstreet and others requesting that the embankment now being built in Franklin Park, bordering on Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street be removed. Messrs John H. Casey, Charles N. Young, Lawrence Minot, Thomas C. Batchelder, W. H. Chick, Charles Newhall, James V. Thompson, Calvin G. Hutchinson, J. H. Derry, President of the Harvard Improvement Association, C. W. Brown, and Mrs. Mc Naught made addresses protesting against the embankment as an infringement on property rights in the vicinity and a very objectionable and unsightly barrier from any point of view. A detailed report of the hearing is on file. A further request was also made that the Board consider the advisability of making an entrance to the circuit drive from the corner of Blue Hill avenue and Canterbury street. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration and stated that they would give due weight to the arguments presented.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 18, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Stratton, Mr. Hodges being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bids for grading and wall building on the Strandway were received read and taken

under advisement.

Jones and Meehan,	Boston	$117,000.00
Perkins and White,	"	119,875.00
Wm. L. Miller,	"	121,749.00
Thomas A. Rowe,	"	125,000.00
Old Colony Dredging Co.	"	144,939.00
Rumbull and Ryan	"	147,432.00
Wm. H. Ward	Lowell	148,322.00
John S. Tank	Providence	
Hugh Farrell	Somerville	157,000.00
Pigeon Hill Granite Co.	Rockport	159,265.00
Ellis and Burwell	Woburn	164,000.00
John J. Shipman	Washington	205,000.00

A report was received from the Landscape Architects regarding the bank now being constructed along Blue Hill avenue on the boarders of Franklin Park and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy thereof to the Havard Improvement Association.

A communication from the Landscape Architects regarding the grading of sidewalks surrounding the site of the O'Reilly monument, readjustment of plantations etc, was received and referred to the Assistant Landscape Gardener.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company stating that the Suburban Light and Power Company is now in a position to furnish power for electric launches at Jamaica Pond, was received and the Secretary was directed to call Mr. Sheldon's attention to the matter.

Voted, that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company be permitted to pass through Commonwealth avenue, Clarendon, Arlington and Exeter streets, on the occasion of its parade June 1, 1896.

Voted, that permission be granted to S. F. Hudgens to keep burros for hire on the beach at Marine Park, for this season, under the supervision of the police, the location

to be determined by the Engineer in charge.

Voted, that W. H. Baldwin be permitted to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park in connection with the work of the Fresh Air Fund, during two weeks beginning July 6th under the direction of the police.

A request of William S. Allston for permission to run a line of wagonettes over the parkway to Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park was received and laid over.

A communication from William C. Hunneman relating to the laying out of a foot path, at grade, from the eastern end of Ridgewood avenue bridge to the pathway along the stream was received, Mr. Hunneman also came before the Board to explain the matter which was subsequently referred to the Landscape Architects.

A communication from Simpson Brothers relating to granolithic sidewalk corner Commonwealth avenue and Harlesden, with request for rebate of six cents per square foot was received and referred to the Secretary for reply and to issue a permit as requested.

A protest from the Union Temperance Committee of Jamaica Plain against the sale of liquors in the public parks was received, read and placed on file.

A petition of tennis players that light refreshments and temperance drinks be furnished at Ellicott College, Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

A request of James F. Burns for permit to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park also sundry requests for refreshment stands at Castle Island were received and laid over.

On request of Sylvester Baxter that Laurens Maynard be given a permit to sell Park Guides at the information, also at the carriage stand near Olive

Hill avenue, Franklin Park, it was

Voted, that Laurens Maynard be permitted to sell park guides at the various park refectories and other buildings on the park grounds having attendants in charge also at the carriage stand on Blue Hill avenue.

An order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing additional expenditure of seven hundred and fifty dollars for foundation and base of the John Boyle O'Reilly monument was received and placed on file.

A communication from F. D. Sweet suggesting the need of improving the bridle paths was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Voted, that permission be granted the Massachusetts League of American Wheelmen to pass through the Fens during its parade on May 30th.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 21, 1896.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe.

The Board considered the applications for the park refectories. An informal ballot was taken after which the matter was laid over until Monday, and the Secretary was directed to invite the various candidates favored by either member of the Board to come before the Board on Monday.

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Boston, May 25, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present: Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present: Messrs Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting also of the special meeting of May 21, were read and approved.

A report was received from the Landscape Architects relating to bicycling in the parks, which was placed on file.

A notice from the Board of Police relating to a hearing on the applications of several persons for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in the public parks was received, read and placed on file.

A communication from the Water Commissioner regarding the placing of a standpipe on the parkway between Longwood avenue and Bellevue street, also communication from the Superintendent of Streets relating to catch basins on Commonwealth avenue were received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

An order of the City Council accepting Chapter three hundred thirteen of the Acts of 1896, relating to building line and height of buildings fronting on the parks, was received, read and placed on file.

A request of the Common Council for arrangements for a visit to the park system was received, read and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circular Number four requesting information regarding the location and area of any vacant lots in charge of and not in use by this department was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Executive circular Number five calling attention to the establishment of an Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department was received and placed on file.

Executive circular Number six requesting list of new appointments or reinstatements made in the

department from January 1st to June 1st was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from Charles J. Page relating to the improvement of the grounds at the Westland entrance to the Fens, also one from George S. Hale regarding the letting of baby carriages in the parks, and suggesting the gift of a sufficient number to give the experiment a trial, were received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

A communication from John H. Casey asking what decision the Board has reached with reference to the banking on Blue Hill avenue, was received and the Secretary was directed to send him a copy of the report of the Landscape Architects and to reply that no decision has as yet been reached.

A communication from Jane G. Maguire stating her inability to bear the expense of fixing up the Children's Cottage for the sale of light refreshments was received and placed on file.

Hearings were given to W. E. Smith, S. E. Bow, James Dooling, W. A. Maclean and James F. Hayes regarding their applications for the park refectories.

Michael Meehan came before the Board with Patrick Meehan and Samuel Lombard whom he proposed for bondsmen under the contract for grading and wall building on the Strandway. Mr. Lombard said that he was worth twenty-five thousand dollars and gave particulars of his property. Mr. Meehan offered to sign a modified contract for ninety-seven thousand dollars giving the City Engineer authority to determine what work should be omitted to bring the specifications within the sum tendered. The Commissioners declined to modify the contract as the passage of the Park Loan Bill before the Legislature was assured within a few days. The contract was then awarded to Jones and Meehan subject to the enactment of the bill to provide a loan for public parks now pending in the Legislature and it was

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Voted, to fix the amount of the bond required at thirty thousand dollars and to accept the bondsmen proposed by Jones and Meehan.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to increase the pay of James McCormack, assistant to the Superintendent at Charlestown, from one and 50/100 dollars to two dollars per day.

Adjourned to Tuesday, May 26, at 2 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, May 26, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton.

Voted, that the applications of Jane Darling, for the Franklin Park refectory; of W.E. Smith for Pine Bank House, and J.E. Row, for the Head House, be accepted subject to conditions hereafter to be agreed upon, and that the Secretary notify the Board of Police of said selections.

Voted, that temporary occupancy of the front store in the brick building at Charlestown Playground be granted to Jeremiah D. Mullen, in consideration of his paying twenty dollars per month for such occupancy.

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Boston June 1st 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Codman and Pratt. Mr. Sutton being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Charles Eliot and F.L. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the jurisdiction of the Police Commissioners regarding the granting of liquor licenses in the Public Parks was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Solicitor relating to a proposed settlement of the cases of Dexter A. Hall and Louise Grant was received and laid on.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel regarding the leasing of open spaces, under the provision of Chapter three hundred thirty-one of the Acts of the year 1893, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Harrison Dunham that, in view of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel and the lack of an appropriation available therefor, the Board does not see how it can take action regarding the matter of the proposed playground.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department relating to surface drainage of Bynner street, Everett Park, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that this department will provide an outlet provided the catch basins at the junction of the new street with Jamaicaway are connected with the drain and a manhole is constructed at its terminus, as directed by the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad be authorized to open temporarily a traffic road from Washington street to South street, through the northerly arch of the bridge at Forest Hills, during the time that Morton street is closed, for the building of

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the arch at this point, provided the loam on the site of the proposed road is stripped and piled as directed by the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the pay of Herbert Ogden, clerk, be increased from fifteen to eighteen dollars per week, to take effect June 1, 1896.

Voted, that persons recommended by the Aldermen and Councilmen of the Charlestown district be permitted to sell refreshments on Charlestown Playground, June 17th, under the direction of the Police.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the liability of the City on account of the limitation of the heights of buildings on parkways, or the establishment of a building line under the provisions of Chapter three hundred thirteen of the acts of 1896, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Boston Paving Company for the removal of a dead tree to facilitate the laying of a sidewalk in front of estates 510 to 524 Commonwealth avenue was received and the Secretary was directed to issue a permit for the sidewalk, the question of the removal of the tree being referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from D. D. Sweet relating to bridle paths in the Fens was received, read and placed on file.

On request of the New England Conference of Educators for a number of copies of the map of Franklin Park to use in teaching geography, the Secretary was directed to reprint five hundred copies of the seventeenth Annual Report of the Board including extra copies of the map of Franklin Park for use as requested.

Proposals for carpenter work at the Head House, Marine Park, were received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the proposal of Gerry and Cortelyou being the lowest was accepted.

A hearing was granted to Wm. S. Allston, on his application to run a line of wagonettes from Brookline to Franklin Park, under a fare of fifty cents.

for the round trip, and the matter was laid over under advisement.

F. H. Tindale representing the Arboretum Land Company and James J. Morgan came before the Board with reference to the completion of the traffic road in front of the Company's land. Mr. Tindale stated that Mr. Morgan intended building a number of houses this summer if he could be assured that access would be furnished through the parkway road. The Commissioners stated that while they were not now prepared to say how much work would be done they could assure the Arboretum Land Company access facilities for reaching the land with reference upon the execution and delivery of the agreement to hold its land subject to restriction.

The applications for permits to maintain stands for the sale of refreshments and other purposes at Castle Island were referred to the Chairman with full power.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, June 8, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs Howe and Eliot. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

City Messenger Edward J. Leary came before the Board to ask permission to erect three stands in the Back Bay Fens for the ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the John Boyle O'Reilly monument, and it was

Voted, That the City Messenger is authorized to erect three stands in the Back Bay Fens for the ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the John Boyle O'Reilly monument June 20.

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in accordance with the specifications prepared by the City Messenger and under the supervision of the Engineer in Charge, also to rope off the grounds in the immediate vicinity of the monument on said day.

A communication was received from D. C. Pomlinson requesting that the Board grant grounds to the boys belonging to the Boat cleaning brigade and wearing badges to go in swimming from the new park on the water front at the North End, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the terms for the construction of the North End Park places the grounds entirely under the control of the contractors for the time being, and that, unless the contractors are willing to grant such privileges on their own responsibility, the Board does not see how it can be done under the circumstances.

Commodore Morrill of the South Boston Yacht Club, came before the Board and stated that the Club members had in view the building of a new club house at considerable cost on the new site, if they could have a longer tenure than the present agreement gives them. He said that to move the present house would cost the city from one to two thousand dollars which the club would waive if the agreement can be modified so as to extend the time during which the club can be assured of occupancy. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

Mr. Wilson, engineer of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, submitted plans for conduits and supply mains for its electric currents on Commonwealth avenue from Massachusetts avenue to Beacon street.

After discussion the Board agreed to approve the plans provided the conduit is placed on Marlboro street, Charlesgate East and Beacon street, instead of Commonwealth avenue.

Messrs L E Bow and James Dooling came before the Board with reference to certain requests for permanent fixtures in the park refectories.

The proposal of Duparquet, Huot and Moneuse Company to furnish [illegible] at the Head House, Marine Park, for the sum of Seven hundred fifty one 75/100 dollars was accepted.

A revised estimate of James P. Wingate and Son for painting shelters and fencing [illegible] at the Head House, Marine Park, also estimates of Wallberg and Sherry and Herbert Steffens, were received and it was

Voted, to accept the proposal of James P. Wingate and Son.

Mr. Babson held a conference with the Board with reference to the proposition for a settlement of the cases of Peter A. Hall and George Grant, which was submitted by him at the last meeting. After discussion it was

Voted, that it is inexpedient to accept the recommendation of the City Solicitor in said cases.

William S. Allston came before the Board with reference to his application for leave to run a line of wagonettes from Brookline to Franklin Park. Mr. Bacon of Bacon and Parkell also came at the request of the Board and stated that they did not object to the proposition. Subsequently it was

Voted, that William S. Allston be permitted to run a line of Wagonettes through the Park system from the Brookline line at Hamilingston avenue to the Overlook, Franklin Park, and return at a rate of fare not to exceed fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for

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children between five and ten years of age, for the round trip. The route and rates of fare to be posted in each vehicle and the manner of conducting the business including the painting and care of the vehicles to be satisfactory in all respects to the Board, which reserves the power to prescribe regulations or to terminate the service on notice.

A request of Bacon and Parbell that water be supplied at the carriage stand for drinking purposes was referred to the Landscape Architects.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, June 9, at 2 P. M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, June 9, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe.

Voted, that in the opinion of the Board, it is inadvisable at this time that licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors should be granted to the park refectories.

The application of John W. Bowler for increase of salary, Charlesbank gymnasium, also letters from Dr. Sargent and Charles F. Sprague relating to said increase, were received and laid over.

Orders and resolves concerning riding paths for cyclists in the park system, referred by the Mayor to this Board, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

On request of Alderman W. F. Donovan, that the roadways and walks on the approach to the athletic ground at Wm. Roland Park be put in order for the games to be held there July 4 th, the Engineer in Charge was directed to look into the matter.

On request of Dr. Ruddick, president South Boston

Historical Society, that a tablet be placed on the Farragut statue and a suitable fence be erected around it, the Secretary was directed to correspond with the sculptor regarding the matter.

On request of Battery A, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia for a permit to use Franklin Field for a drill on June 17th., it was

Voted, that Battery A, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, be permitted to hold a parade and fire salutes on Franklin Field, June 17th., on such grounds as the Engineer in Charge may deem available and practicable for the purpose.

Applications of Timothy Curran, for permission to operate his merry-go-round on Sundays, and of John J. Dixon for permission to exhibit a phonograph at Marine Park or Castle Island, were received and permission therefor refused.

Executive circular No. 7 concerning the granting of half holidays on Saturdays from June 6, to September 26, was received and it was

Voted, that a half holiday, without loss of pay, be granted to all the employees of this department whose services can be dispensed with, in part consideration for their services, on Saturdays beginning June 6, and ending with Saturday September 26, 1896.

On request of D. H. Waldron it was

Voted, that the vote of the Board of May 18, granting permission to D. H. Waldron to hold a series of picnics at Franklin Park, be amended by changing the date from July 6th to July 13th.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that the playground at Wood Island Park be fenced and also that a band stand and electric lights be furnished for said Park were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

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Boston June 15, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Hodges, Pratt and Stratton. Also present Messrs E. W. Howe and F.L. Olmsted. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a sketch for enlarging the carriage stand at Franklin Park and for providing a drinking fountain and accommodations for baby carriages, also a sketch for a proposed foot entrance opposite Wales street.

An order of the Common Council authorizing the use of the Council chamber and ante-rooms by the Park Commissioners when required for hearings was received and the chairman was authorized to extend the thanks of the Board to the members of the Council for their courteous offer.

A proposition of Marcus M. Smith offering fifty cents per foot for land on Seaver street was received and placed on file.

An offer of John F. Cudigan to furnish earth filling and loam from streets at Codman Hill, Dorchester, free of expense if carted away, was received and referred to the Engineer in Charge.

A communication from William E. Smith withdrawing application for occupancy of Pine Bank House and a communication from the Metropolitan Wheelmen protesting against the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the parks were received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry H. Kitson relating to the placing of a tablet on the Farragut statue was received and referred to the Landscape Architects.

A request of Guianese Cricketers for permission to maintain grounds on Franklin Field for cricket during the season was received and it was

Voted, that the team of cricketers known as the "Guiana Boers," be permitted to play cricket

on Franklin Field for the season of 1896 at a place to be selected in consultation with the Engineer in Charge, it being understood that such use of the grounds shall not be exclusive.

A request of the Committee on the John Boyle O'Reilly monument for permission to hold appropriate services, with music, on the occasion of the dedication of the monument, June 20th was received and it was,

Voted, that the John Boyle O'Reilly Committee be given permission to hold dedicatory services with music, at the unveiling of the O'Reilly monument in the Back Bay Fens, June 20th.

A request of the Management of the Fresh Air Fund, that they be permitted to have music at the picnic for old folks, July 20th was received and it was

Voted, that the Management of the Fresh Air Fund be permitted to have music at the picnic for Old Folks, July 20th as has been customary in past years.

A communication from the City Messenger stating that the Committee on Celebration of the 17th. of June had directed him to erect a band stand at Charlestown Playground, and requesting permission therefor, was received and it was

Voted, that the City Messenger be authorized to give a band concert at Charlestown Playground, June 17th, the band stand to be located according to the directions of the Engineer in Charge.

Voted, that the Committee on Seventeenth of June Celebration in Charlestown be permitted to use Charlestown Playground for a display of fireworks, under the supervision of the police.

A request of Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells for permission to hold an exhibition of gymnastic work at Charlesbank, also request for additional police on said occasion

was received and referred to the Secretary for reply

A proposal of Chester D. Holmes to build a refrigerator at the Head House, Marine Park, for two hundred fifty dollars was received and accepted.

A request of Harry Connolly for permission to place a striking machine and cane board on Charlestown Park June 17th., also request of National Holiday Pin Button Co. for permission to sell pin buttons at the park refectories July 4th., were received and permission refused.

The following proposals for building carriage sheds at Franklin Park were submitted by Rockwell Richardson and Driver.

William T. Eaton,	$12,423.00
H. F. Miller,	13,716.00
O'Connell and Furbush,	15,476.00
John J. Flynn,	16,986.00

and the Chairman was authorized to ask the Mayor's consent to the letting of the contract to the lowest bidder without advertising.

Messrs Miller, Whitney and Kelley, a committee of the Common Council, with President Conry came before the Board with reference to the improvement of the playground at Wood Island Park, also to request that the Board give the superintendent discretion to allow ball players to take baths provided there is accommodation. They also asked for the improvement of the beach and immediate construction of the bath houses. The Commissioners replied that they intended to visit the park and would give the several matters due consideration.

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